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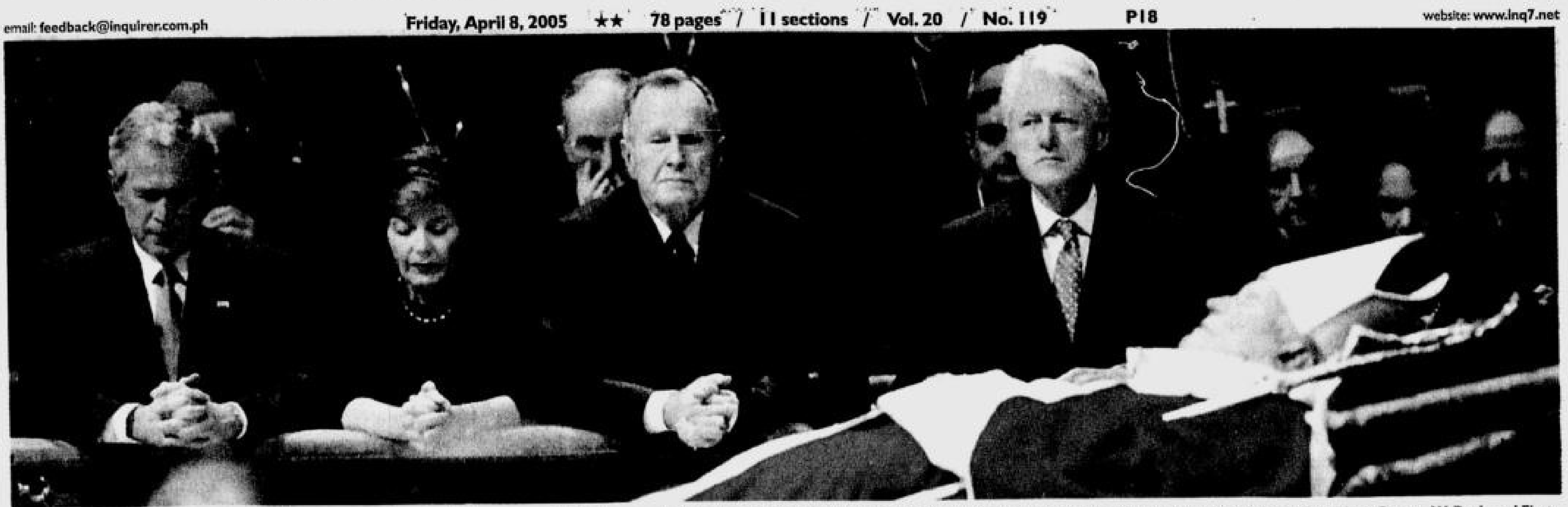

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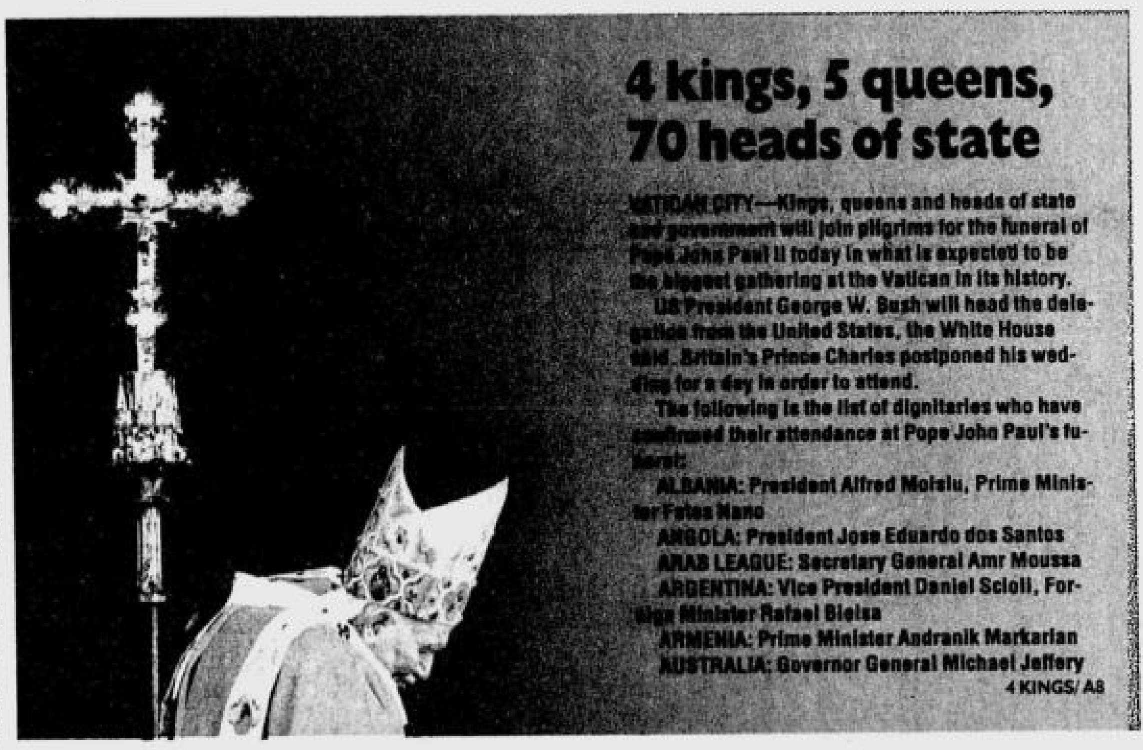

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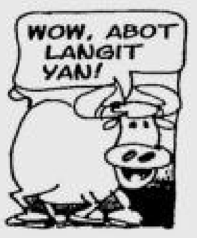
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THE SUPREME Court has ruled that a group of farmers in Laguna are the rightful owners of 254.766 hectares of land previously registered in the name of the heirs of the late Speaker and Supreme Court Chief Justice Jose Yulo Jr.

In a 49-page decision, the high court's special division upheld the validity of the farmers' ownership of the land that had been awarded to them through the Comprehensive Agrarian Reform Program (CARP).

The contested land, Barangay Casile, is located at the Canlubang estate in Sta. Rosa, Laguna.

Barangay Casile is planted to coconut, pineapple, coffee and fruit trees. The Yulo family bought the land from the Madrigals in 1945 and the Casile farmers have been tilling and living on the land since 1910.

"[C]onsidering that the subject property is agricultural and may be acquired for distribution to farmer-beneficiaries identified by the DAR under the CARP, the titles issued ... in the name of Amante et al, are valid titles and therefore must be upheld," the court said in a decision penned by Justice Alicia Austria-Martinez.

"Amante, et al who have been issued Cloas (Certificate of Land Ownership Awards) are now the owners of the subject property," the SC said, affirming an earlier Court of Appeals decision upholding the DAR's granting of Cloas to the farmers.

Juan B. Amante heads the group of farmers who are contesting ownership of the land, saying that their ancestors started occupying the land in 1910.

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The SRRDC had claimed in court that the contested land was no longer eligible for distribution under CARP as it had been earlier classified as a municipal park by the municipal government of Cabuyao.

But the SC said the ordinance reclassifying the land did not provide for any retroactive application nor did it convert existing agricultural lands. It also noted that the municipal government "did not take any step to utilize the property as a park."

The court also brushed aside the SRRDC claim that the land was a watershed and therefore a protected area. It said that by the time the DAR issued the notice of coverage, the property had not yet been proclaimed as a watershed area.

"If SRRDC sincerely wants to preserve the property for ecological considerations, it can be done regardless of who owns it. After all, we are all stewards of the earth, and it rests on all of us to tend it," the court said.

The court upheld the DAR's finding that the contested land is an agricultural land and had for many years been a sugar land.

The high-court decision capped a 20-year dispute which started on June 3, 1985 when SRRDC security personnel allegedly "illegally entered Barangay Casile and fenced the area."

Military's 'Enemies' CD shown to media

By Dona Z. Pazzibugan

THE MILITARY yesterday finally let members of the media view "Knowing the Enemy," the intelligence briefing compact disc it had been showing in communities in the countryside.

The CD, the military stressed, did not brand a number of organizations, including Church and media groups, as communist fronts and, therefore, as enemies of the state, as various groups had been claiming.

But reporters who sat through the one-and-a-half-hour PowerPoint presentation said they were not satisfied with the military's explanation.

Some noted the CD taught soldiers to view certain Church and media groups with suspicion for their alleged links to the Communist Party of the Philippines and its armed group, the New People's Army.

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Two groups that had seen an earlier presentation said the Philippine Center for Investigative Journalism (PCIJ) was on the list.

The NUJP and Pamalakaya got hold of a CD of the presentation last week.

Seven Church groups led by the influential Catholic Bishops Conference of the Philippines (CBCP) were also named, along with the lawyers' organization Free Legal Assistance Group (Flag) and IBON Databank.

The militant groups Bayan, Gabriela and Migrante which were reportedly on the list were not among the 33 groups cited in the presentation yesterday. Neither were Bayan Muna and other allied party-list groups.

Communist fronts

"In their (CPP-NPA) point of view, these are (their) front organizations. In reality, the people in these organizations are not aware there's a party member among them. So we cannot brand these organizations as communist front organizations," said Lt. Cmdr. Teddy Quinzon who gave the presentation.

Quinzon said "the work of the AFP is to cleanse these organizations."

"We don't watch them individually because we'll use up so much resources. The purpose is to warn these groups: Look at your organization. Maybe you have been infiltrated by a party branch," he said.

Armed Forces of the Philippines spokesperson Brig. Gen. Jose Honrado would not entertain media questions about the military's basis for placing certain organizations on the list.

"The danger is, if you show this list of organizations to the military, what immediately comes to their mind is these are the enemy," Manila Standard Today reporter Joel Sy Egco said during the open forum.

Honrado insisted the presentation "did not clearly show that we have tagged these groups as enemies of the state."

Reporter Benjie Liwanag of radio station dzBB asked why only the NUJP, among media groups, was on the list.

Honrado said they had initially listed 300 organizations, but they had "no basis" to suspect them yet.

"Later on, there may be (additional organizations) if we capture other documents from the enemy," Honrado said.

Fe Zamora of the INQUIRER voiced the concern of most reporters about the CD's implications.

"What did you hope to achieve by telling the soldiers that these are the organizations being infiltrated by the NPA or by the communist? That opens the media to targets because they're (supposedly) infiltrated," Zamora said.

"You can come up with your perception. We respect your perception," Honrado replied.

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GARCIA

Rep. Roilo Golez (Kampi, Parañaque) said Garcia, who is under the jurisdiction of the Armed Forces while undergoing court martial for violation of the Articles of War, should be handed over to the anti-graft court and detained at the Quezon City jail.

"The government gave way to the court martial as he was charged with lighter offenses like perjury. But now that plunder, a capital offense, has been filed, the Sandiganbayan should have jurisdiction and custody," said Golez, who chairs the House committee on national defense which conducted hearings on corruption in the AFP.

The Sandiganbayan was the "superior civilian court" and should assert its power over Garcia, he said.

City jail

Should the AFP hand him over to the court, Garcia has nowhere to go but the Quezon City jail, Golez said.

But if the gods should smile at him, Garcia could be incarcerated at Camp Crame like deposed President Estrada when the latter was similarly charged before the anti-graft court, he said.

The court, however, granted Estrada's request to be confined at a government hospital for health reasons, and still later at his vacation estate in Tanay, Rizal.

But Golez was not sure about the fate of Garcia's wife Clarita and son Timothy Mark, who are named as co-accused in the plunder complaint. The two are said to be in the United States.

Their possible extradition would depend on the provisions of the Philippines' extradition treaty with the US, said Golez.

Usually, extradition treaties—such as the one between the Philippines and Hong Kong—does not allow the extradition of wanted persons to the requesting country if the offense charged is punishable by death, Golez said.

But Alagad party-list Rep. Rodante Marcoleta said such provisions were not "absolute."

Marcoleta, a lawyer, said "exceptional conditions," such as if the requesting country had "strong evidence" to ensure conviction, would facilitate extradition.

The Ombudsman's office meanwhile has reiterated its request with the Bureau of Immigration to prevent Garcia or any member of his family from leaving the country.

Special Prosecutor Dennis Villa-Ignacio repeated the request on Wednesday after receiving reports that Clarita Garcia was in the country visiting her detained husband. He said there already was a hold-departure order against the Garcias.

"A HDO was already issued against the Garcia family in connection with a forfeiture case against them before the Sandiganbayan," he said.

Immigration commissioner Alipio Fernandez Jr. yesterday said Garcia remained on the bureau's watch list.

"He's been on the watch list since the issue broke out. We have not removed him from the list," he said in a phone interview.

Fernandez also said the BI would place Clarita on its watch list if asked to do so.

As for the Garcia couple's children, Fernandez said that as far as he knew they were US citizens.

The bureau usually puts criminal suspects on a watch list pending the issuance of a hold departure order against them. A hold departure order originates from either the the Department of Justice or the courts.

The Ombudsman charged Carlos, his wife Clarita, sons Ian Carl, Juan Paolo and Timothy Mark before the Sandiganbayan on Wednesday with plunder for allegedly illegally amassing wealth worth more than P303 million.

The filing of the case came more than six months after the Ombudsman started an investigation into the alleged illegal acquisition of wealth by Garcia and his family. No bail was recommended for all accused. *Michael Lim Ubac, Nelson F Flores and Leila B. Salaverria*

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MALACAÑANG is now asking shopping malls and supermarkets to help the government's energy conservation program by reducing their operating hours or even closing their stores for at least one day in a week.

Energy Secretary Raphael Lotilla said there was a "mixed reaction" to this proposal during a meeting between government officials and business representatives Wednesday night to promote the state's "EC (for energy conservation) way of life."

In a briefing, Lotilla said the state agencies like the Department of Trade and Industry and local government unit should coordinate with shopping malls and supermarkets to discuss the best strategy in cutting down their power costs, specifically the use of air-conditioning systems.

Lotilla said that while the government has suggested adopting a 6-day operating schedule similar to the government's 4-day work week, shopping malls and supermarkets could opt to operate on limited hours.

But Lotilla said it remained to be seen whether the giant mall and theater operators who were not present during the meeting would be willing to cooperate and cut down their operating hours.

Lotilla said the meeting was meant to make businessmen more conscious of the power spending. "By just lowering the temperature in a room, one can save a lot in terms of power cots," said Lotilla who noted that some foreigners have been complaining on how cold some hotel lobbies were in the country.

Another government suggestion was for companies to invest in an energy audit that would guide them in what areas their businesses could save on their electricity bill. Lotilla said most companies that undertook this audit had recouped their expenses from substantial savings in just a few months.

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IRAQ WAR CRIMES

US comes under fire at IPU

By Juliet Labog-Javellana

THE UNITED States came under fire at the Inter-Parliamentary Union conference yesterday as the IPU's first standing committee on peace and international security adopted a resolution calling for prosecution of war crimes, crimes against humanity, genocide and terrorism.

The resolution is set to be adopted at the closing of the 112th IPU general assembly at the Philippine International Convention Center later today.

The US, however, was not named in the resolution as a consensus of all IPU members is required before a country can be specifically referred to in a conference text.

The US is not a member of the IPU, which brings together parliaments of 144 democratic countries around the world.

In a press briefing, Venezuelan MP Julio Garcia Jarpa cited the US' alleged "war crimes" in Iraq as an example of crimes that should be brought before the International Criminal Court but which the US has been avoiding.

He said Latin American countries were in favor of citing the US but other countries where the US has significant influence had declined.

Akbayan Party-list Rep. Loretta Ann Rosales, a member of the IPU committee and leader of the Philippine Coalition for the ratification of the ICC, said the "spirit" of the resolution obviously referred to the US.

The resolution was drafted by parliamentarians from Benin, Chile, India, Iran, Israel, Russia, Sudan, Switzerland, United Kingdom and Venezuela.

Some 1,300 parliamentarians from 122 member-countries attended the six-day assembly which the Philippines hosted for the first time since the IPU's establishment in 1889. Senate President Franklin Drilon is president of the assembly.

Jarpa said the resolution would provide a "very good support" to the efforts of the United Nations and other international organizations to fight war and other crimes against humanity and to prevent countries from avoiding punishment.

"From my personal viewpoint, I consider within the war crimes those committed by the United States against Iraq," the Spanish-speaking Jarpa said through another parliamentarian who acted as interpreter.

He said the Rome Statute, the 1998 treaty that created the ICC, specified crimes which he said were violated by the US when it invaded Iraq.

"There are additional violations of international law such as deportation of citizens to Guantanamo and a number of other war crimes that in my view are included in the Rome Statute and Geneva (conventions) but (for which) the US has not been made responsible," Jarpa said.

Jarpa said a section of the resolution which cited countries with bilateral immunity agreements pointed specifically at a "great power that is very clearly identified."

Rosales said the US has entered into BIAs with other countries to avoid having its government or citizens sued before the ICC.

Section 10 of the resolution "urges member parliaments to reject bilateral agreements that would provide for immunity from investigation and prosecution by the ICC or otherwise for the nationals of any state."

The resolution also condemned "all acts, methods and practices of terrorism in all its forms and manifestations, wherever and by whomsoever committed, including those in which the states are directly or indirectly involved, which threaten friendly relations among peoples, endanger or take innocent lives, have a deleterious effect on international relations and may jeopardize the security and territorial integrity of states."

Jarpa said the US was just mentioned "in a general way" in the resolution but that the issue could be raised again during the plenary session today where the various committee reports would be presented for adoption.

NORTH MEETS SOUTH. North and South Korean heads of parliament attending the ongoing 112th Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU) General Assembly shake hands in front of Senate President Franklin Drilon after they bumped into each other during separate courtesy calls on Drilon at the PICC on Wednesday. Shown in photo at left is Choe Thae Bok, chair of the Supreme People's Assembly of North Korea and Jay-Kun Yoo, National Assembly member and leader of the South Korean delegation. Both heads of delegations affirmed their commitment to the IPU to work out peaceful moves to maintain stability in Asia and for the reunification of the two Koreas.

Pinoy dies saving a comrade in Iraq

SANTA MARIA, California—Cpl. Garry Wesley Rimes, a US Marine born and raised in the Philippines, was killed protecting another Marine in Iraq.

After a diesel truck drove into a building and exploded, an injured Marine crawled from the rubble. Rimes and others gathered around medics as they treated Lance Cpl. Daryl F. Brown Jr. Insurgents fired, killing Rimes.

"Corporal Rimes is our hero," Brown's sister, Danica Love of Baytown, Texas, wrote in a letter to the Santa Maria Times. "My whole family feels a deep gratitude to him."

Rimes, an anti-tank gunner, had been in Iraq less than a month when he was killed April 1 in Ramadi.

Friends and relatives remembered Rimes' generosity, sense of humor and the honor he felt in serving as a Marine.

"Ever since he was a kid, he wanted to be a Marine," his younger sister, Patty Rimes of Santa Maria, said. "He wanted to be in the military."

Rimes immigrated to the United States in 1996 and joined the Marines in 1997, hoping the military would help him become a US citizen.

The 30-year-old has been awarded several honors including the Marine Corps Good Conduct Medal.

In addition to a sister, Rimes is survived by his wife, who lives in the Philippines, and his mother, who lives in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. *AP*

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Barbers quits House post

A MEMBER of the so-called Spice Boys in Congress yesterday resigned his post as chair of the House committee on accounts, which oversees the finances of the chamber.

No cogent reason was offered by Surigao del Norte Rep. Robert "Ace" Barbers who, during his watch, instituted reforms that enabled the House to post P50 million in savings last year.

In his resignation letter to Speaker Jose de Venecia, Barbers only cited his need to devote more time to his masteral studies in public administration at the University of the Philippines.

He was mum over rumors that there was infighting going on over the use of House funds, particularly for the frequent overseas trips of congressmen, and that his family had felt that his father, former Sen. Robert Barbers, had been junked by the administration during the May 2004 polls.

Barbers quickly recommended Occidental Mindoro Rep. Amelita Villarosa as his replacement.

But Barbers, who is on his third and final term, did not bolt the ruling Lakas-CMD party, House Majority Leader Prospero Nograles said. Nograles described Barbers as "one of Mindanao's young and solid leaders."

Michael Lim Ubac

Corrections

A STORY about the "Popemobile" on Page A4 of yesterday's issue said that it was built by Francisco Motors. CTK Inc. said that the making of the "Popemobile" was a joint venture between Francisco Motors and itself.

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A STORY the other day on Page A27 of the Sports section misstated the name of the lawyer of boxer Luis Espinosa as Dennis Almasan. His name is Dennis Manzanal.

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Rosebud raked it in by lying, says Ping

SEN. Panfilo Lacson was rankled by controversial police agent Mary "Rosebud" Ong's complaint that her job as informant does not pay well.

Ong made the complaint after announcing she was finally paid P5.8 million in cash by the Philippine National Police for "intelligence services" she reportedly rendered in 1998 and 1999 to break into the drug and kidnapping syndicate of Taiwanese nationals and police officials led by Lacson during his time as chief of the PNP.

"She made lots of money by lying many, many times before at my expense and she continues to lie to make more money off the government," Lacson said in a statement.

Lacson denied Ong's allegation.

"I wish to reiterate that I have never gotten involved in illegal drugs and kidnappings as alleged and that Rosebud was never a PAOCTF agent as she alleges to be," Lacson said.

Before becoming PNP chief during his friend President Joseph Estrada's abbreviated term, Lacson headed the controversial Presidential Anti-Organized Crime Task Force. *Juliet Labog-Javellana*

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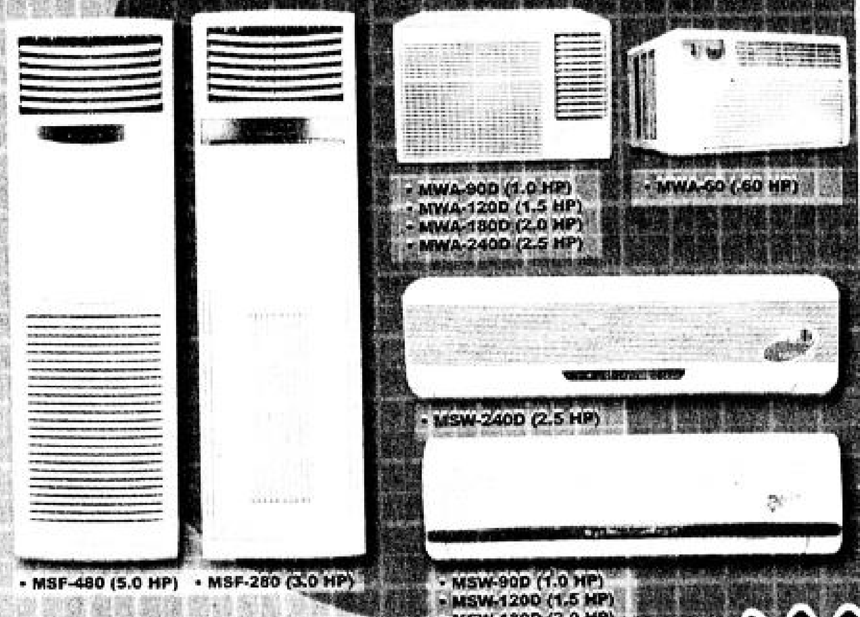

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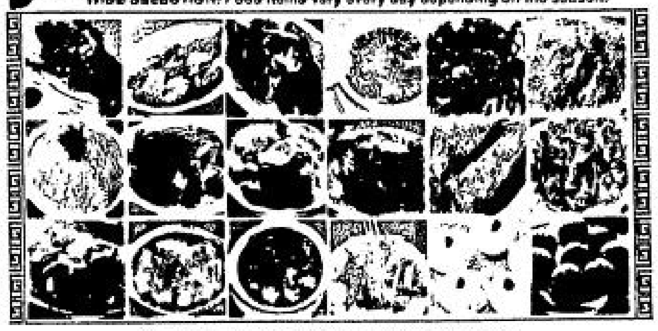

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Twenty-six years into his papacy and at the age of 84, our beloved Holy Father bade farewell to his earthly mission to be welcomed into the Almighty's loving embrace. "Amen" was the last word he uttered, or "May it be so" in our traditional translation was his last conscious thought, which perfectly summarizes a life devoted in faithful service to Christ and His Church.

Pope John Paul II was a great man, a fervent moral and spiritual leader who showed his commitment to the truth, compassion to humanity and courage in the pursuit of his mission. He was a staunch advocate of freedom, unity, justice and peace. An ardent defender of the family and the dignity of the human person, he labored to promote a culture of life and love in a world threatened by conflicts and handicapped by forces of violence and death. It is for these reasons that his death has brought global grief and mourning. The Filipinos share in this sorrow and remember how our nation's life has been touched by this servant of God. Even after he has left us, we continue to rave about how he had always held the Philippines close to his heart. To this we have been witness when he visited the Philippines first in 1981 for the beatification of San Lorenzo Ruiz and again, when our country hosted the 10th World Youth Day in 1995.

We at the University of Santo Tomas have been graced by his presence during these two visits. As a Pontifical University, we have been truly blessed with the rare opportunity to receive His Holiness in our campus. On these occasions, he had inspired us with his dynamic faith, charmed us with his gentle humor and enamored us by his charismatic aura. We were amazed by how he captivated the hearts of the young people by his fatherly nature even as he challenged them to discover and deepen their commitment to Jesus Christ. His warm presence embraced the youth in spirit-filled joy, and this the University had witnessed first-hand during his celebration of the Eucharist at UST with the youth delegates of the International Youth Forum in 1995. As a community, we, Thomasians, indeed remain as deeply touched by the celebration of his vibrant life as much as we are now moved by his demise.

The religious fervor we have demonstrated as a nation when our Holy Father came had pleased him tremendously. His visits had not just shown that he is indeed the "missionary of the world" but emphasized the Pope's faith that the Philippines and, in particular the University of Santo Tomas, can be a significant instrument to the growth of the Church in the world. We should not let the enormous outpouring of love, faith and zeal that the millions of Filipinos showed during his visits be drowned in our sorrow but rather his death should inspire us to live up to the advocacies, beliefs and values that he firmly stood for. As he always used to say, *Totus Tuus* (I Am All Yours), let us own him in our hearts even more now so that his holy example will continue to live in us.

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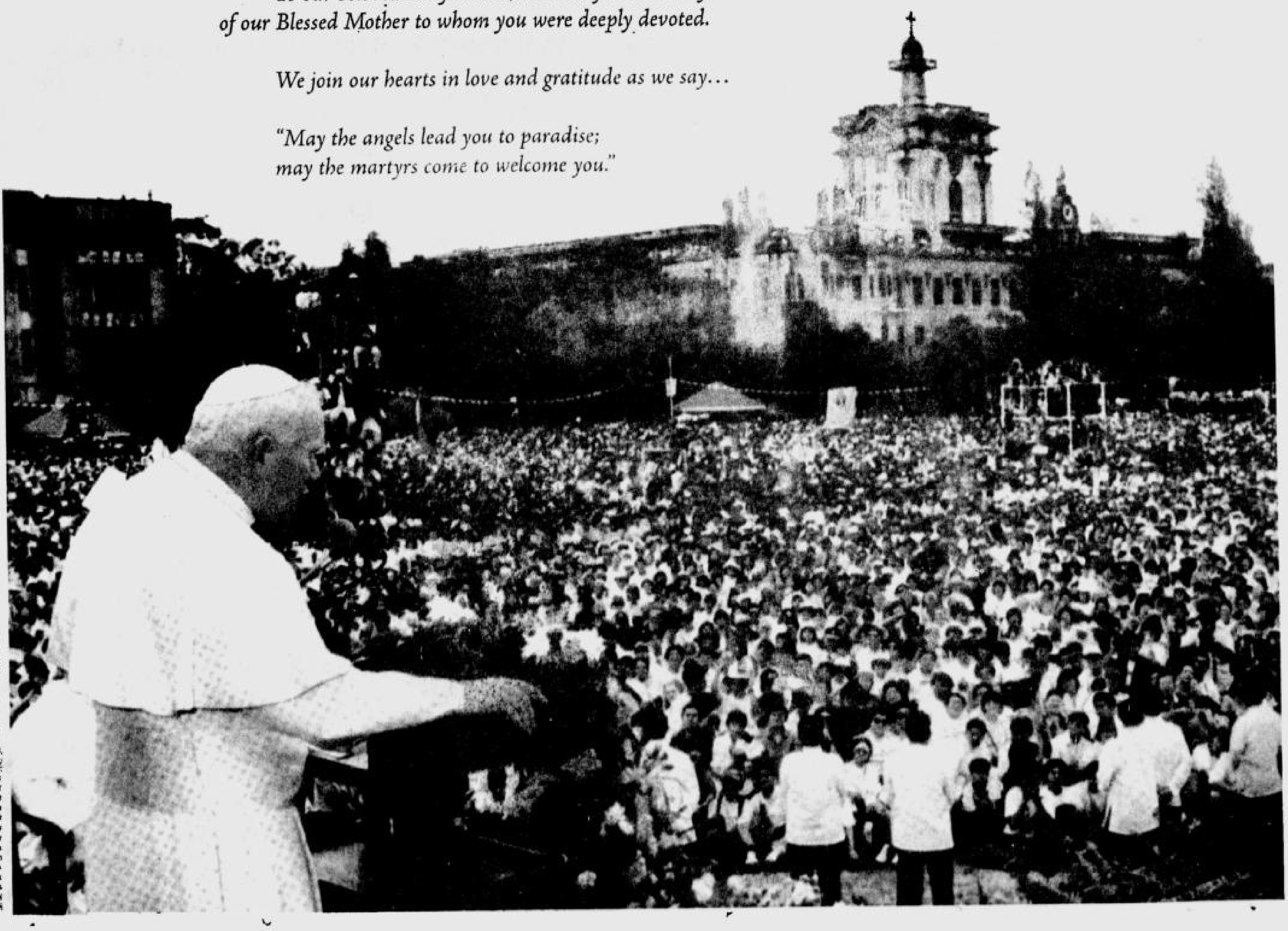

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Saudi Arabian Ambassador to the Philippines Mohammed Ameen Wali (second from left) receives a plaque from the Association of Twins and Multiple Births (ATMB) on behalf of Saudi Crown Prince Abdullah bin Abdul Al-Saud for the successful medical operations that separated conjoined twins Princess Ann and Princess Mae Manzo. The award was presented at the Saudi Embassy recently by (from left) ATMB president and Festival of Twins founder Natalie Palanca, ATMB chairman Rolando Sarreal and ATMB treasurer Orlando Sarreal.

2 editors quit merged paper

By Alcuin Papa

THE CO-MANAGING editor and the business editor of the newly merged Manila Standard Today broadsheet have resigned, citing stress and the hostility of the Manila Standard staff toward the Today staffers with whom they are supposed to work.

Co-managing editor Lourdes Fernandez submitted her resignation yesterday to Standard president and CEO Rogelio Salazar. Business editor Daxim Lucas resigned last Friday.

Fernandez cited as another reason for her resignation the conflict of interest case filed by the Standard employees union against former Today publisher Teodoro Locsin Jr. with the Philippine Press Institute (PPI). Locsin, who represents the first district of Makati City in Congress, took over as publisher of the merged broadsheet.

The Standard employees charged that Locsin's twin positions as publisher of Manila Standard Today and as a congressman was a clear case of conflict of interest.

"The hostility displayed by majority of the staff toward the publisher, Mr. Teodoro Locsin Jr., in particular, and toward Today employees, in general, [is] manifest in the malicious case filed against Mr. Locsin before the PPI. I agreed to be co-managing editor of the new paper only because I believed that the best of both publications would be reflected in a more competitive third paper under his [Locsin's] helm as publisher," Fernandez said.

She added: "Besides the attacks on Mr. Locsin, there is also the virtual shutout of key Today staffers despite a pre-merger understanding that several of them would be taken in to help produce a new competitive paper."

Fernandez also said the attacks of the Standard staff against her had become "personal."

She cited the putting up of two posters on the glass door to the Standard's editorial department and smaller posters in the ladies' room "calling me, among other things, *walang hiya* (having no shame)."

Fernandez said that despite having worked from March 6 to April 5, she did not collect her salary "because I wanted to clear up the status of key editorial staffers who I had been told would be hired but whose hiring was later clouded by issues of legality raised by the union."

It was not immediately known if Salazar had accepted her resignation.

Lucas cited similar reasons for resigning.

"Partly it was because I had concerns," Lucas told the INQUIRER in a phone interview. "The temperature was rising and I didn't want the stress. The hostility of the people inside was directed at Teddyboy [Locsin] and I didn't want to take the heat."

Lucas said he also resigned for a personal reason—he is getting married next month. "I didn't want the stress," he said.

The case against Locsin in the PPI has not prospered due to his failure to reply to the charges because he was out of the country.

Yesterday, PPI chair and president Amado Macasaet said Locsin had called him up to acknowledge receipt of the PPI letter asking him to reply to the Standard employees' charges.

2 firms charged with tax evasion

By Michelle V. Remo

THE GOVERNMENT has filed tax evasion charges against the owners of Italcar Pilipinas Inc. and Glo Herbal under its continuing campaign against tax delinquency through the RATE (run after tax evaders) program.

Italcar Pilipinas, run by the Francisco family, is a firm that imports and sells motor vehicles. It is the distributor of car models Fiat Uno and Hyundai Excel. The Franciscos are also the owners of Francisco Motors Corp., which has been known for assembling and selling passenger jeepneys. It was also the builder of the "Popemobile," the vehicle used by the late Pope John Paul II when he visited the country in 1995.

Charges were filed with the Department of Justice against Italcar's president and chair Fernando Francisco, vice president and treasurer Jorge Francisco, and fiscal controller Antonio Caringal. They were charged particularly with under-declaration of income and failure to withhold taxes.

Glo Herbal's Renato Herrera was charged for non-filing of income tax returns for taxable years 2001 to 2003, and for illegally acquiring a second tax identification number (TIN). The BIR estimated that for 2001, Herrera's unpaid tax liabilities amounted to P150 million.

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Gospel: John 6:1-15

Jesus went to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, near Tiberias, and large crowds followed him because of the miraculous signs they saw when he healed the sick. So he went up into the hills and sat down there with his disciples. Now the Passover, the feast of the Jews, was at hand.

Then lifting up his eyes, Jesus saw the crowds that were coming to him and said to Philip, "Where shall we buy bread so that these people may eat?" He said this to test Philip, for he himself knew what he was going to do. Philip answered him, "Two hundred silver coins would not buy enough bread for each of them to have a piece."

Then one of Jesus' disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said, "There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish; but what good are these for so many?"

Jesus said, "Make the people sit down." There was plenty of grass there so the people, about five thousand men, sat down to rest. Jesus then took the loaves, gave thanks and distributed them to those who were seated. He did the same with the fish and gave them as much as they wanted. And when they had eaten enough, he told his disciples, "Gather up the pieces left over, that nothing may be lost."

So they gathered them up and filled twelve baskets with bread, that is with pieces of the five barley loaves left by those who had eaten.

When the people saw this sign that Jesus had just given, they said, "This is really the Prophet, he who is to come into the world." Jesus realized that they would come and take him by force to make him king; so he fled to the hills by himself.

Commentary

Jesus feeds the crowds with the bread and fish of a young boy who gives his family's food to Jesus and the leftovers fill twelve baskets. This is of course, Eucharist, but it is life in Jesus, it is core to his teaching and his knowledge of God. Communion, sharing with others what is sustenance, food, justice, life, healing, hope, possibility for the future because of the presence of the Risen One with us in Jesus, the Body of Christ—Eucharist and Church, the Word of God—the Scriptures and the presence of Jesus in the poor and all that he has left with us in ritual and word. This ritual that became the mark of Jesus' presence and life is what we must do with our lives in the world after having shared it with Jesus and the community. We must live lives of sharing: bread, hope, justice, peace, freedom, forgiveness—all that Jesus has taught us to believe in, has shared with us so graciously and told us to pass on to all the world.

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70 in GMA historic flight but at what price

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Bautista said it had become standard practice for either Tan or himself to accompany Ms Arroyo whenever she used the national flag carrier on a trip abroad.

For the flight, PAL used a 268-seat Airbus 340, with Captains Butch Generoso and Rene Lim as pilot and co-pilot, respectively. A dozen crew members were also on board.

Generoso is the chief pilot of PAL's fleet of Airbuses and Lim is senior vice president for flight operations, Bautista said.

Doing the math

But how much will the chartered flight cost, given that there were only 71 passengers on the 268-seat aircraft?

"There's a charter contract between PAL and Malacañang. But, of course, the rates are confidential," Bautista said.

According to an industry source, it would be difficult to estimate how much a chartered flight to Europe costs.

"That's a tough question because there are many considerations for a chartered flight," the source told the Inquirer yesterday.

Aside from the cost of jet fuel, there are instances when an aircraft is charged for the route it takes, the source said.

"Then there's the crew. Is it a voluntary crew or a fully operational crew?" the source said. "There are many factors that come into play and substantially change the mathematics."

On the average, a round-trip ticket to Europe costs $800-$1,100 (economy class) and $2,300-$2,700 (business class), the source added.

Roll call

The others who left with the President and her daughter were Press Secretary Ignacio Bunye, Georgina de Venecia, Presidential Security Group chief Delfin Bangit, former Ambassador to the Holy See Howard Dee, Cecille Guidote-Alvarez, Social Security System chief Thelmo Cunanan and his wife, Inquirer columnist Belinda Olivares-Cunanan, and Batangas Rep. Hermilando Mandanas.

Davao Archbishop Fernando Capalla, San Fernando Archbishop Paciano Aniceto, Bataan Bishop Socrates Villegas, Ipil Bishop Antonio Ledesma, Sr. Lou Solijon, Sr. Ma. Luz Mijares, Sr. Clarissa Vallaque and Teresa Tunay were also on board.

Likewise part of the unofficial delegation were Angel Atutubo, Manila International Airport Authority assistant general manager for security and emergency services, and Ambassador Preciosa Soliven.

PRESIDENT Arroyo arrives early Thursday morning (afternoon in Manila) at the Fiumicino International Airport in Rome on a PAL chartered flight. MALACAÑANG PHOTO

The media members on board were TV reporters Pia Arcangel of GMA 7 and Karen Davila of ABS-CBN and their respective cameramen.

Heherson Alvarez, a former senator and ex-spokesperson of the ruling Lakas party, said his wife Cecille was representing the cultural sector in the delegation.

Alvarez recalled that in 1989, his wife's theater of the handicapped performed for the Pope, himself an actor in his youth. "There were about 20 Filipino performers and the Pope even welcomed them individually," he said.

Asked why he did not join his wife on the trip, Alvarez said Ms Arroyo did not invite him to be part of the delegation.

'Diplomatic miracle'

Archbishop Aniceto barely made the flight because of an expired Schengen visa.

"Malacañang didn't notice that my visa had expired. I was already resigned to go home," he told the Inquirer.

Aniceto waited at an office at the Centennial Terminal while the Palace coordinated with the Philippine Embassy in Rome.

An Inquirer source said Aniceto was permitted to go and would be met by an embassy officer at the Rome airport to explain his visa to immigration authorities.

"This is a diplomatic miracle by Pope John Paul! I really prayed hard to him that I would be able to attend his funeral," a smiling Aniceto said.

Capalla, president of the Catholic Bishops Conference of the Philippines, said he and the other members of the clergy would stay at the Colegio Filipino in Rome, a dormitory for Filipino priests studying there.

Sin's health

Villegas said the Pope left wonderful memories for Filipinos with his visits to the Philippines, especially during the World Youth Day celebration in 1995 that drew a record number of young devotees.

Asked about his ailing mentor, Jaime Cardinal Sin, Villegas said the prelate was "very sad" that he would not be able to pay his last respects to the Pope.

Sin and John Paul II were good friends.

Villegas said Sin was not allowed by his doctors to make the long trip to Rome.

"*Hindi na kaya ng kalusugan niya* (His health can't take it)," Villegas said. "And in Rome, the work for the cardinals will be very stressful when they vote for the next pope and discuss the issues."

Nevertheless, Sin's health was "stable," the bishop said.

Palace lied on media slots, played favorites

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Industry pacesetter GMA Broadcasting Corp., however, found out about the special arrangement given its rival and complained to the Office of the Press Secretary, which hurriedly made changes before the President's flight took off Wednesday night.

ABC 5 upset

But the issue is far from settled. After GMA split the four seats with ABS-CBN, the country's No. 3 TV station, ABC 5, was incensed over the special treatment Malacañang accorded its bigger rivals in the coverage of the President's participation in a major international event.

Gov't stations left out

The distribution of the media seats to the major television networks likewise raised a howl among other print and broadcast organizations because it deviated from the standard system of raffling off media slots for a restricted presidential coverage.

Curiously, none of the three government-owned TV stations—NBN 4, RPN 9 and IBC 13—sent crews to cover the event but their boss, Secretary Cerge Remonde, was seen smiling on TV as he boarded the chartered flight Wednesday night.

The Inquirer assigned arts editor Lito Zulueta to cover the funeral and had asked the Palace if he could join the presidential flight. The Inquirer was going to pay, of course, as it is the newspaper's policy to pay its own way for all its coverages.

When De Leon said there were no seats, she told the Inquirer a bare-faced lie as Malacañang had indeed allocated four seats in the chartered flight to news organizations.

Zulueta took a commercial flight to Rome on Wednesday night.

Washing of hands

De Leon did not reply to the Inquirer's text message but Reyes was quick to wash his hands.

"I beg your pardon but I am not in anyway in charge of seat assignments and involved in the planning of the trips local or foreign. I am just in charge of local broadcast issues, coverages and interviews. You must be mistaken," Reyes said in a text message. Reyes was formerly a ranking executive of ABS-CBN and GMA 7.

Palace insiders claimed that ABS-CBN had been getting privileged access to Malacañang events after one of its broadcasters, Noli de Castro, joined the President as her running mate in the May elections.

Who paid, who didn't

Also, contrary to Malacañang's claim that the government would only shoulder the cost of those in the official party, a source said the media members in the chartered flight (Malacañang has not released a complete list) got on with a free ticket to the Vatican.

But according to a source, former Ambassador to the Vatican Howard Dee, who's an official member of the President's delegation, paid for his ticket.

Pope-obsessed journalists dazed, saddened, inspired

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and an ecumenist," noted The New York Times.

But some critics have seen a Pope-mad media run amok, obsessed more with the story of the death of a celebrity than with that of a 2,000-year-old Church at a crossroads.

"Friday's will be a celebrity funeral, as well as a religious event, and the world leaders now heading for Rome want nothing more complicated than to be associated with it," columnist Martin Kettle wrote in Britain's Guardian newspaper.

Passion deeply felt

Clearly, much of the media's passion was sincerely felt.

Experienced broadcast journalists lost their poise, even though the Pope's health had been declining for days.

At German public broadcaster ARD, anchor Anne Will battled tears as she read the news.

Mexico's Valentina Alazraki, who covered John Paul II for the Televisa network for years and converted to Catholicism, was visibly shaken and could not hold herself together during a live broadcast from St. Peter's Basilica.

Few news stories have received so much attention from so many parts of the world for so many different reasons.

Attention went far beyond Christendom. The new 24-hour news channels in the Arab world covered the story exhaustively.

Can't please all

Not all were pleased: "Indeed, the Islamic media overwhelmed us with news about this infidel crusader, who along with his gang in the Vatican remained silent about the massacres of Muslims," wrote a contributor to an Islamist website.

And in some cases, the media decided the show must go on.

Big US TV networks NBC and ABC each attracted more than 4 million viewers with special shows on the Pope on Saturday evening. But that same evening, as many as 17.5 million people were watching college basketball on rival CBS.

And British rock group Queen decided not to cancel a concert in Rome, although Italian officials said it was in "poor taste."

A band spokesperson said: "It was a difficult decision but they had to go on the advice the local promoter gave them." *Reuters*

4 kings, 5 queens, 70 heads of state

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AUSTRIA: President Heinz Fischer, Chancellor Wolfgang Schuessel

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The WORLD

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Rebels fail to stop 'caravan of peace' across Kashmir

SRINAGAR, India/MUZAFFARABAD, Pakistan—To the sound of cheers and rolling thunder, garlanded buses set off to take passengers across Kashmir's ceasefire line on Thursday in a emotive but risky boost for South Asian peace.

"The caravan of peace has started," Prime Minister Manmohan Singh told thousands of Kashmiris who braving freezing drizzle at the heavily guarded Lion of Kashmir stadium in Srinagar, summer capital of Indian Kashmir and the region's heart and soul.

"Nothing can stop it."

Islamic rebels tried, throwing a grenade and firing at one of the Pakistan-bound buses soon after it left. But no one was hurt, the bus was not hit and did not stop.

Guerrillas, who have threatened to turn the buses—the first in almost 60 years—into rolling coffins, also attacked a fortified government complex housing passengers on Wednesday just a few hundred meters from where Singh spoke.

They torched the complex. But the passengers escaped. All 24 scheduled passengers, many of them elderly, boarded on Thursday as the wreckage of the complex continued to smolder.

In commemorative green caps, they waved as the two white-and-green buses draped with marigolds pulled out through the mud.

One hundred and seventy kilometers away by road in Muzaffarabad, capital of Pakistani Kashmir, well-wishers threw rose petals as garlanded passengers boarded a green-and-yellow bus for the "Peace Bridge"—newly repainted a neutral white—that crosses the militarized ceasefire line dividing Kashmir.

As they trudge across the metal bridge to pass through immigration and transfer to Indian buses, a large billboard greets them: "No religion teaches animosity toward each other."

Security in Indian Kashmir was the tightest for years, including during the 2002 state election. Threats by rebels have created a deep sense of unease but also defiance among Kashmiris determined to see the service succeed and families reunited.

"A door has opened," said Singh, in his trademark blue turban, speaking behind bullet-proof glass. "Pakistan and especially President Gen. Pervez Musharraf have helped us open this door and without their support, the door would not have opened."

"This is the beginning of a new phase in the continuing friendship with Pakistan. Violence is not going to solve any problems."

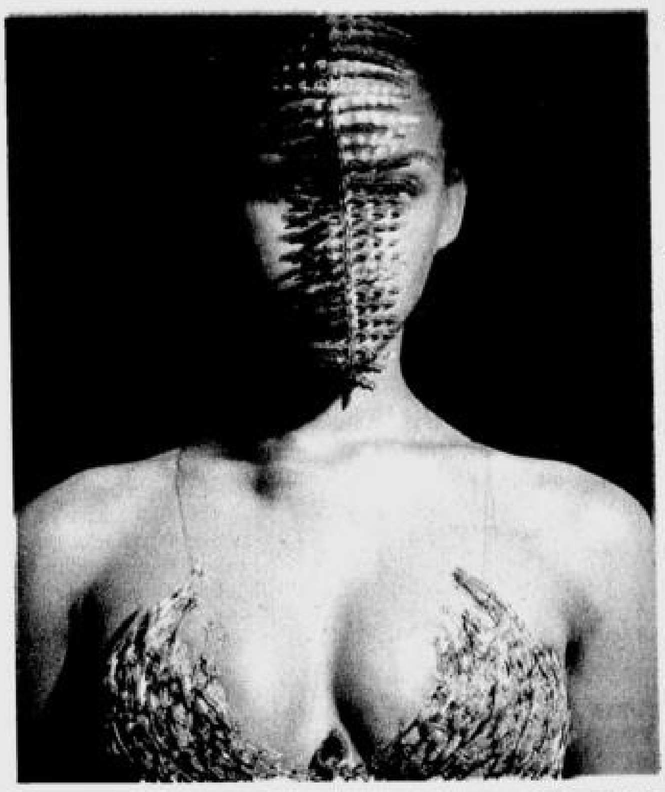
Singh was speaking at the same stadium where his predecessor, Atal Behari Vajpayee, kicked off the peace process exactly two years ago this month, extending "the hand of friendship" to Pakistan after near war in 2002.

Musharraf is due to visit New Delhi this month.

"I am thrilled," said Abdul Rahim, 55, a resident of Salamabad, a village near the border where the buses are due to stop for lunch.

"This the happiest day of my life. My neighbor is traveling from across (the border). I will be seeing him for the first time since we were children playing together."

School children waved flags, bands played and cooks prepared a traditional Kashmiri "wazwan" feast of about 35 dishes, almost all of them mutton. *Reuters*



OBJECT OF DESIRE
Model Anissa Von Busse wears an 18-carat gold headpiece and bra in Sydney April 7 during an exhibition by the Australian Gold Council for Gold Week. With Australia the world's third largest producer of the precious metal behind South Africa and the United States, producers hope to encourage more people to wear gold in the face of stiff competition from diamonds, opals and other "objects of desire." REUTERS

16 dead after US chopper crashes in Afghanistan

KABUL—A search and recovery operation was under way Thursday to find the bodies of two missing US servicemen after the worst American military helicopter crash in Afghanistan left at least 16 people dead.

Thirteen of the confirmed fatalities on the Chinook were members of the US military while three others were civilians employed by US government contractors, US military spokesperson Lt. Cindy Moore said.

She would not confirm the nationalities of the three civilians, but a Western security source said on condition of anonymity that all the victims were Americans.

Two US service members who were listed on the flight manifest were missing, presumed dead, Moore added. There were no survivors at the crash site in Ghazni province, around 100 kilometers south of the capital Kabul.

The US blamed bad weather and said the crash had been an accident. "There was no indication of hostile fire," Moore said.

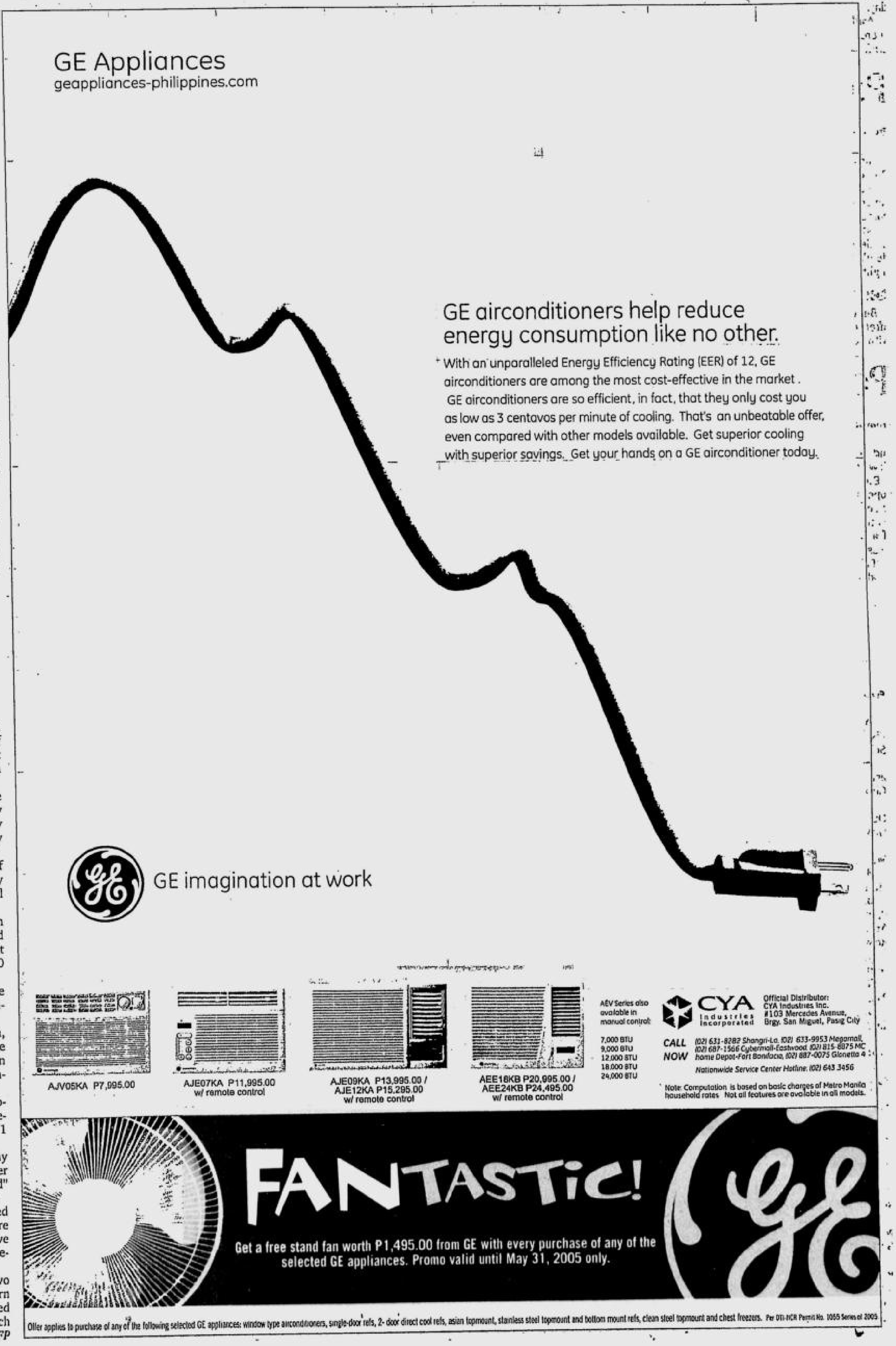
However, the ultra-Islamic Taliban militia, which continues to wage an insurgency in the war-torn country, later said it had shot down the helicopter. There was no way to independently verify the claim.

"This is the worst record for a crash in Operation Enduring Freedom," said Moore, referring to the operation launched in late 2001 to topple the Taliban regime.

Recovery operations were ongoing Thursday and a mortuary team would arrive on-site later Thursday to "care for the remains of the dead" and confirm what had happened, Moore said.

Chinooks are a mainstay of the US-led coalition force in rugged Afghanistan, where they are used for transport duties. They have also been employed for relief work during recent spring floods.

Moore said the helicopter was one of two Chinooks returning from a patrol in southern Afghanistan. The second helicopter returned safely to Bagram, the main US air base which is just north of Kabul. *AFP*



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Loss of fireproofing may have led to WTC collapse, report says

NEW YORK—Federal investigators said the World Trade Center buildings probably would not have collapsed in the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks if fireproofing had adhered firmly to the columns and floors.

The National Institute of Standards and Technology also concluded that the average survivor took more than double the estimated time to descend emergency stairwells, and that better communication between emergency responders could have saved more lives.

The NIST, which issued three reports on the attacks, did not blame designers or builders for the buildings' collapse. However, Shyam Sunder, who led NIST's fire and safety investigation, said Tuesday there are now better ways to ensure that fireproofing adheres to steel.

"Even with the airplane impact and jet-fuel-ignited multi-floor fires, which are not normal building fires, the buildings would likely not have collapsed had it not been for the fireproofing that had been dislodged," he said.

The reports are likely to spur debate about how to build safer skyscrapers. Some investigators and rescuers have advocated "fireproof" elevators and stronger stairwells in new high-rises. In theory, fireproof elevators could have taken firefighters to the upper floors and helped people get out faster.

The NIST findings were met with a mixture of skepticism and praise from family members of Sept. 11 victims who attended a public hearing on the reports.

Laura Weinberg, whose husband Richard Aronow died in the attack, said she was disappointed with some of the conclusions about design features. "I think they've soft-pedaled the issue of spray-on fireproofing," she said.

But Allan Horwitz, whose son Aaron also died in the attacks, said he was "very pleased" with NIST's work. "It seems to me like they're doing everything they can to find out what happened, why it happened, and how we can prevent it from happening in the future," he said.

The report also found that in Tower 1, it took the average survivor 48 seconds to descend a flight of stairs. This was double the slowest evacuation time estimated in a current fire safety handbook used by engineers who design buildings, the report said.

The report said that some people delayed their evacuation by "milling" in offices, deliberating about what to do, or debating how to find a stairwell.

NIST said the times in the models are based on phased evacuations, not the full-scale evacuation that occurred in the towers. The evacuation models cited in the NIST report are used by architects to calculate how much capacity is needed in stairwells, elevators, and other exit routes.

In addition, the report found that the much-documented problems with radio communication and information-sharing among first responders probably "contributed to the loss of emergency responder lives."

The findings represent NIST's last step before issuing its final recommendations in June, the culmination of exhaustive research and testing that produced 10,000 pages of data.

The official World Trade Center death toll stands at 2,749, including those killed on the two jetliners that hijackers crashed into the buildings. *AP*

SMOKE and debris erupt from the south tower of the World Trade Center in New York as it collapses following the terrorist attack on the landmark buildings in this Sept. 11, 2001 photo. AP

US focuses on disease spread through planes

WASHINGTON—US government health agencies are strengthening ties to airlines and aviation regulators to guard against the spread of infectious diseases or other deadly agents aboard commercial aircraft, federal officials said on Wednesday.

"With the potential of dramatic economic losses caused either by viruses or terrorists with viruses, a proactive posture rather than a reactive posture is an absolute necessity," said Rep. John Mica, a Florida Republican and chair of the House aviation subcommittee.

"With over 1.6 billion passengers traveling worldwide each year on commercial air carriers, there is a real threat that these sometimes deadly diseases can be transmitted around the world in a matter of hours," Mica told a hearing attended by government health and aviation experts.

The Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARS) virus in 2002 and 2003 killed more than 700 people in two dozen countries. It limited airline service to Asia where it first occurred and frightened off many international travelers.

Of particular concern now is the outbreak of avian influenza or "bird flu" that has killed 50 people, also in Asia, since 2003. Experts fear the virus could mutate into a more contagious form and unleash a global pandemic.

Airlines have come under scrutiny for air quality in passenger cabins and complaints from flight attendants that recirculated air can become stale and unhealthful. But health experts say aircraft generally do a good job of filtering germs and the main concern is that sick travelers will spread disease, especially airborne agents, through direct contact with other travelers or after they reach their destination.

Anne Schuchat, acting director for the US Center for Infectious Diseases, noted a case in 2004 when a traveler died from an acute viral illness contracted in Africa soon after arriving in New Jersey. An investigation identified a number of air and train passengers who may have been at risk for the virus but no one else turned up sick.

Schuchat credited cooperation among federal and state agencies, hospital and medical labs for a successful investigation.

But she told lawmakers that government health agencies are working harder to try to detect problems overseas before someone boards a flight to the United States. *Reuters*

Once-reluctant Prince Albert II takes over throne of Monaco

MONACO—Prince Albert II, new monarch of this glitzy principality, has the dignified reserve of his late father, and his devotion to world travel and sports embodies the fruits of the good life Prince Rainier created on this Mediterranean rock.

Rainier III's marriage to Hollywood star Grace Kelly made him and the principality famous. But Albert, a 47-year-old bachelor, has caused consternation with his failure to wed and produce heirs. He has said he is not opposed to marriage but just doesn't "want to make a mistake."

The American-educated Albert took over the royal powers—but not the throne—a week ago after a royal commission decided that the critically ill Rainier could no longer rule. Albert automatically stepped into the role of His Serene Highness upon his father's death Wednesday of heart, kidney and respiratory problems.

The date of his formal investiture was not immediately known.

Shy, overshadowed by his father and long considered a reluctant heir, the prince is the son of Rainier and Hollywood star Grace Kelly whose 1956 marriage lofted tiny Monaco into the realm of fairy tale. Princess Grace died in a car crash in 1982.

Albert Alexandre Louis Pierre, Marquis of Baux is well-traveled, multilingual and, in recent years, has been Monaco's top ambassador.

A sports enthusiast and passionate bobsledder, he participated with his team in the last five Winter Olympics and has headed Monaco's Olympic Committee since 1994. He is also a judo enthusiast and a passionate soccer player, founding a Monaco team, the Barbagiuans.

The retiring Albert has remained unmarried and childless.

"I never said that I would never marry and that I didn't want children," he was quoted as saying in the French press in 2001. "On the contrary, I would like to experience that form of happiness. But I don't want to make a mistake."

Such caution has drawn consternation and, at one point, piqued his father sufficiently to comment publicly.

"Prince Albert possesses all the qualities to one day become the next sovereign prince," Rainier told the French daily Le Figaro in an interview published in October 2000. "But first I want him to have descendants because this is essential for the future of the principality and that of our family."

Concern for the continuation of the Grimaldi dynasty led to a constitutional revision in 2002 to circumvent the problem posed by Albert's lack of heirs.

According to Article 10, next in line would be Princess Caroline, now 48, and the eldest of Albert's two sisters. She, in turn, would be succeeded by her eldest son, Andrea Albert Pierre, now 20.

Born March 14, 1958, Albert has been in training for his new job as ruler since the cradle where, at the tender age of one month, he was bestowed with the Grand-Cross of the Grimaldi Order.

His formal training began in 1986, when he was seriously initiated into the arcane business of ruling the principality. Some have wondered whether Albert really wanted the job, but his high-profile official travels have shown otherwise.

"I am convinced that, in your place, the kingdom of Monaco will find in Albert a worthy successor to Rainier," Russian President Vladimir Putin wrote in a message of condolences.

Albert studied in the United States, at Amherst College in Massachusetts, after receiving his high school baccalaureate diploma in 1976. He returned home in 1981 after being awarded a degree in political science.

From September 1981 until April 1982, he had a special tour with the French Marines, sailing around the world aboard the Jeanne d'Arc. He later trained in financial administration with Morgan Guaranty Trust, in New York, then with the Champagne house Moet-Hennessy, in Paris. *AP*

PRINCESS Caroline and Prince Albert escort their father, Prince Rainier III in this Sept. 18, 1982 photo, as they follow the funeral procession of Princess Grace to the cathedral in Monte Carlo. Rainier, whose marriage to the American film star Grace Kelly brought elegance and glamour to one of Europe's oldest dynasties, died April 6. AP

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SUNDAY TO MONDAY, APRIL 10-11, 2005
CAVITE
BETWEEN 11:00PM AND 11:30PM (SUN., 04/10/05) AND THEN BETWEEN 5:30AM AND 6:00AM (MON., 04/11/05) – PORTION OF CIRCUIT ABUBOT 39XZ – IMUS 36WK
Portion of Gen. E. Aguinaldo Highway from near Imus-Dasmariñas boundary to Meralco-Imus substation including Metro Dialysis Center, Metrobank and New Imus Village in Imus.
BETWEEN 11:00PM (SUN., 04/10/05) AND 6:00AM (MON., 04/11/05) – PORTION OF CIRCUITS DASMARIÑAS 42DA AND ABUBOT 39XZ – IMUS 36WK
Portion of Gen. E. Aguinaldo Highway from Meralco-Abubot substation to near Imus-Dasmariñas boundary including Arcontica Subd. Resort, Crescent Hills Village, Villa Remedios, Southfield Subd., Salitran I, Dara Subd. and Philla Industries in Dasmariñas.
Along Salitran Road from Aguinaldo Highway to Molino Road including Sunnycrest Village, Summerwind Village, Summer Meadow Subd., South Meridian Homes, Garden Grove 1-4, Andreaville Executive Homes, TUP-Dasmariñas, The Orchard Golf and Country Club and Raintree Homes in Dasmariñas.
Portion of Molino National Road from Salitran Road in Dasmariñas to near Queen's Row Road including San Miguel I, Georgetown Heights Subd., St. Mary Homes, Melissa Homes I, Duplex Homes, Feliza Subd., Camella Homes-Springville West, Molino 3 and Annaville Subd. in Bacoor.
REASONS: 1. Various maintenance work along Aguinaldo Highway in Dasmariñas, Cavite in preparation for the re-commissioning of Meralco-Imus substation.
Relocation of line switch (LBS 34XZ11) along Aguinaldo Highway in Dasmariñas, Cavite.
Installation and retirement of facilities along Molino Road in Imus, Cavite.

TUESDAY, APRIL 12, 2005
BULACAN (SAN JOSE DEL MONTE AND NORZAGARAY)
BETWEEN 12:01AM AND 12:15AM AND THEN BETWEEN 4:45AM AND 5:00AM – THE WHOLE OF CIRCUITS SAPANG PALAY 32YO, 33YO AND 34YO AND PORTION OF CIRCUIT STA. MARIA 45YU
Mardeka Marble, Towerville, City Homes Builders, Igay Cockpit, Sapang Palay National High School, Bgys. Aniban, Paltoc, San Mateo, Sto. Cristo, San Pedro, Sabitang Kampana, Dulong Bayan and Sitio Gulod in San Jose del Monte.
Minuyan Marble, Mariane Homes, Guillen Marble, Sanctuario de Paz Memorial Park, Bgys. Bigte, Tigbe, Minuyan and Bitungol in Norzagaray.
REASON: Preventive maintenance and testing work inside Meralco - Sta. Maria substation.

TUESDAY TO WEDNESDAY, APRIL 12-13, 2005
MARIKINA CITY
BETWEEN 11:00PM AND 11:30PM (TUE., 04/12/05) AND THEN BETWEEN 4:30AM AND 5:00AM (WED., 04/13/05) – PORTIONS OF CIRCUIT MASINAG 40WN
Portion of Bayan-bayanan Ave. from near A. De Guzman St. to Liwasang Kalayaan including Concepcion Subd., San Isidro Village II Subd., Teodora Park Subd., Mankil Homes, St. Claire III Subd., Benedicto Compound and Bandolino Shoe Corp.
Portion of Gen. Ordoñez St. (Molave) from Champagnat St. to and including Herbosa, Sevilla, Paraiso, Rajah Matanda, Narra, West Drive, J. J. Carlos Circle, Gen. Meñez, Ipil Sts., La Consolacion Village and St. Scholastica's College Marikina in Bgy. Concepcion.
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Portion of Gen. Ordoñez St. (Molave) from near Bayan-bayanan Ave. to Champagnat St. including Simeona Village in Bgy. Concepcion.
REASON: Replacement of rotten poles along Gen. Ordoñez St. (Molave St.) in Bgy. Concepcion, Marikina City.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 13, 2005
QUEZON CITY
BETWEEN 12:01AM AND 5:00AM – PORTION OF CIRCUIT BALINTAWAK 57E
Along Seminary Road from Meralco-Balintawak substation to near Road 12 including Road 14, Road 16, Road 17, Road 18 and Road 19 in Bgys. R. Magsaysay and Bahay Toro.
REASON: Replacement of rotten poles along Seminary Road in Bgy. Bahay Toro, Quezon City.
LAGUNA (STA. ROSA)
BETWEEN 9:00AM AND 3:00PM – PORTION OF CIRCUIT STA. ROSA II 42WL
Portion of La Residencia de Sta. Rosa Main Road from near Balibago – Tagaytay Provincial Road to and including La Residencia de Sta. Rosa Subd. and Mesaland Subd. in Bgy. Don Jose.
REASON: Relocation of facilities along La Residencia de Sta. Rosa main road in Bgy. Don Jose, Sta. Rosa, Laguna.

THURSDAY, APRIL 14, 2005
LAGUNA (BIÑAN) AND CAVITE (CARMONA)
BETWEEN 6:00AM AND 6:30AM AND THEN BETWEEN 11:30AM AND 12:00NN – PORTION OF CIRCUIT SAN PEDRO 43WH
Portion of Biñan-Balibago National Highway from Nepa Subd. to near Red Ribbon including McDonald's and Olivares Plaza in Bgy. San Vicente.
Portion of Gen. Malvar St. from Biñan- Balibago National Highway to near Petron Gas Station including Perlin Subd., and St. Joseph Compound.
Portion of Gen. Malvar St. from near ON Semiconductors in Bgy. Maduya, Carmona, Cavite to Petron Gas Station including Filinvest Homes, Country Homes Subd., PLDT Employees' Village, Biñan Steel, Sesco, Alfa Tech, Bgys. Halang, Soro Soro, Tubigan and San Vicente.
BETWEEN 6:00AM AND 12:00NN – PORTION OF CIRCUIT SAN PEDRO 43WH
Portion of Gen. Malvar St. from Petron Gas Station to Tambunting Pawnshop in Bgy. Tubigan.
REASON: Installation of additional Makban-Biñan 230 kV transmission lines along Gen. Malvar St. in Bgy. Tubigan, Biñan, Laguna.

THURSDAY TO FRIDAY, APRIL 14-15, 2005
CALOOCAN CITY AND QUEZON CITY
BETWEEN 11:30PM AND 12:00MN (THU., 04/14/05) AND THEN BETWEEN 4:00AM AND 4:30AM (FRI., 04/15/05) – PORTION OF CIRCUITS KAYBIGA 44YX AND 45YX
Portion of Gen. Luis Ave. from Ecopack to near Banco De Oro in Bgy. Kaybiga, Caloocan City.
Portion of Gen. Luis Ave. from near A. Samonte St. to and including Oriental Tin Can and Metal Sheet Mfg., Nutritive Snack Food, July Mfg., Chua Tee & Co. and Rebisco Compound in Bgy. Nagkaisang Nayon, Quezon City.
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Portion of Gen. Luis Ave. from near Diamond Road to and including A. Samonte St. and Torres Village in Bgy. Nagkaisang Nayon, Quezon City.
REASON: Relocation of facilities affected by upgrading of Bagbaguin – Kaybiga 115 kV transmission line.

SUNDAY, APRIL 17, 2005
MANILA
BETWEEN 7:00AM AND 7:15AM AND THEN BETWEEN 2:45PM AND 3:00PM – PORTION OF CIRCUIT NORTH PORT 17H
Portion of Antipolo and Tomas Mapua Sts. from Meralco – North Port substation to M. H. Hizon St. in Sta. Cruz.
BETWEEN 7:00AM AND 3:00PM – PORTION OF CIRCUITS NORTH PORT 405H – SAMPALOC 47K; AND NORTH PORT 17H
Portion of A. H. Lacson Ave. (Gov. Forbes) and Felix Huertas St. from Meralco-Sampaloc substation to Tayabas St. including Camarines and Tayuman Sts. in Sampaloc.
Portion of Dapitan St. from Dos Castillas St. to and including Navarra, A. Mendoza (Andalucia), Alvarez, Asturias and Antonio Sts. in Sampaloc.
REASON: Upgrading of facilities along A. H. Lacson Ave. (Gov. Forbes) in Sta. Cruz, Manila.
MANILA (TONDO)
BETWEEN 9:00AM AND 12:00NN – PORTION OF CIRCUIT NORTH PORT 24H
Portion of Juan Luna Ave. and Solis St. from Meralco – North Port substation to Hermosa St. including Lerma, Banal, Benita, Pampanga, T. Earnshaw and Bulacan Sts. in Bgy. Gagalangin.
REASON: Preventive maintenance and testing work inside Meralco – North Port substation.

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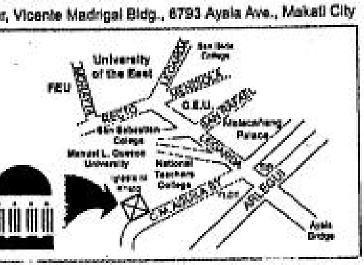

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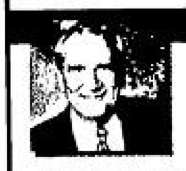

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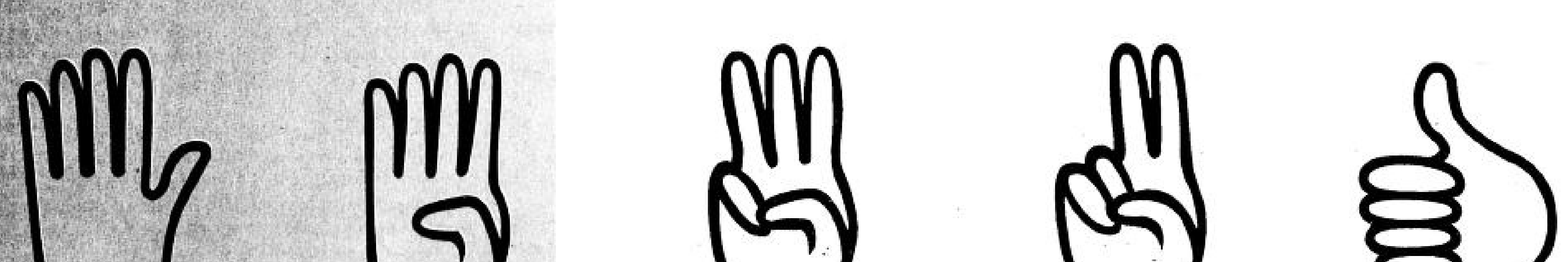

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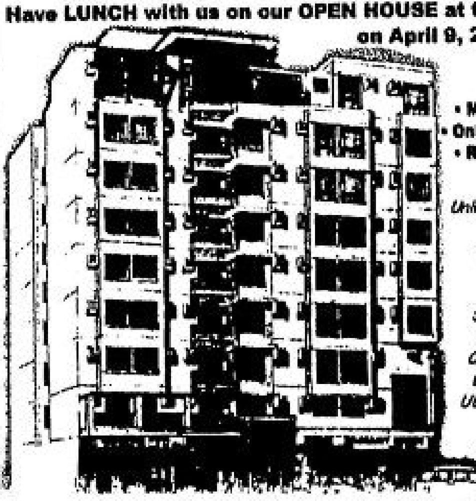

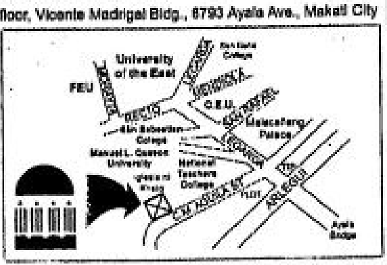

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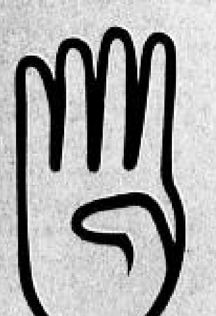

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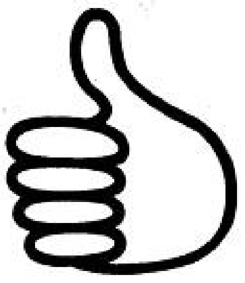

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25th Biennial Convention

THEME: "GROWTH AND PROGRESS"

MESSAGES

GLORIA MACAPAGAL-ARROYO
PRESIDENT

My warm greetings to the officers and members of the **Federation of Filipino-Chinese Chambers of Commerce and Industry, Inc.** on your ***25th Biennial Convention.***

For more than fifty years, your contribution to commerce and trade has accelerated the growth of the Philippine economy. Your Federation has strengthened unity within the Chinese-Filipino community and enabled your members not only to reach out to the mainstream of Philippine society but also contribute to nation building.

I commend your organization's strong commitment to improve our people's lives and bring prosperity to all. Your program of building schools throughout the country is a symbol of your deep concern and compassion for our less fortunate countrymen.

May this occasion inspire your members to renew their commitment to the noble objectives of your federation. I look forward to our continued partnership for the growth and progress of our country.

Mabuhay kayong lahat!

Noli
NOLI "KABAYAN" L. DE CASTRO
VICE PRESIDENT

It is my pleasure to attend the **Federation of Filipino-Chinese Chambers of Commerce and Industry, Inc. (FFCCCII)** as it holds its 25th Biennial Convention on April 8, 2005.

The event marks another milestone in the history of your prestigious organization. This event, themed "Growth and Progress," is a clear manifestation of your strong commitment towards the country's transformation.

As the country's business leaders, you serve as a potent force in paving the way for the realization of our people's aspirations for a better life. Your deep faith in our country would certainly bring positive impact to our economy and enable us to face economic and social challenges.

Together, let us deliver strong, responsive, and effective public services and foster closer relations among the commercial and industrial sectors of the economy by initiating and assisting in the formulation, development, implementation of policies and programs relative to this.

Rest assured that you have my assurance of support, as we are united in our dedication and commitment to promote and enhance the interest and growth of private businesses consistent with the public welfare and the country's economic development objectives.

I am confident that your objectives will be met in this event and future endeavors.

MABUHAY KAYONG LAHAT!

FRANKLIN M. DRILON
SENATE PRESIDENT

My warmest greetings to the officers and members of the **Federation of Filipino-Chinese Chambers of Commerce and Industry, Inc. (FFCCCII)!**

On the occasion of your 25th Biennial Convention, I thank the FFCCCII and your member chambers across the country for your partnership with me in putting up low-cost school buildings. You have demonstrated remarkably how the private sector can work hand in hand with the government to carry out projects that maximize use of resources and deliver better services to our people.

I extend my full support to the new set of officers that will lead the FFCCCII for the next two years. With your members' genuine desire to be of service to others, I am confident that you will continue to achieve great success in all your undertakings.

I look forward to a stronger partnership with your organization.

More power and *Mabuhay!*

SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES

DAY	ACTIVITIES
April 8 **(Friday)**	
10:30 AM	**Opening Ceremonies** with Pres. Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo as Guest of Honor & Keynote Speaker *Venue:* Fiesta Pavilion, Manila Hotel *Host:* Philtrust Bank Company
2:30 PM	**Preliminary Session** Discussion of 14 Working Committees *Venue:* Federation Center
7:00 PM	**Dinner for Delegates** with Secretary Arthur C. Yap as Guest of Honor and Speaker *Venue:* Manila Pavilion Grand Ballroom *Host:* Banco de Oro, SM Group of Companies
April 9 **(Saturday)**	
9:00 AM	**First Plenary Session** Reports & Workshops for Luzon Regions Reports & Workshops for Committees on Organization, Education, Industrial Relations, Media & Public Information, and Arbitration *Venue:* Federation Center
12:00 Noon	**Luncheon for Delegates** with Speaker Jose C. de Venecia Jr. as Guest of Honor and Speaker *Venue:* Century Park Hotel *Host:* Asia United Bank, China Banking Corporation, Equitable PCI Bank, International Exchange Bank, & Philippine Bank of Communications
2:30 PM	**Second Plenary Session** Reports & Workshops for Visayas Regions Reports & Workshops for Committees on Tax & Business Advocacy, Ways & Means, Welfare, and Agriculture & Natural Resources *Venue:* Federation Center
7:00 PM	**Dinner for Delegates** With Finance Secretary Cesar V. Purisima as Guest of Honor and Speaker *Venue:* Century Seafood Restaurant *Host:* Allied Banking Corporation
April 10 **(Sunday)**	
9:00 AM	**Third Plenary Session** Reports & Workshops for Mindanao Regions Reports & Workshops for Committees on External Affairs, Trade & Industry, Youth, Property Management, and Special Projectss *Venue:* Federation Center
12:00 Noon	**Luncheon** with Senate Pres. Franklin M. Drilon as Guest of Honor & Speaker *Venue:* Westin Philippine Plaza Grand Ballroom *Host:* Metropolitan Bank & Trust Company
2:30 PM	**Election of Council of Representatives** Venue: Federation Center
5:00 PM	**Closing Ceremonies** *Venue:* Federation Center
7:00 PM	**Opening of Ballots** Supervised by SGV & Company *Venue:* Federation Center

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Robin Sy
MR. ROBIN C. SY

Warm greetings to all!

The Federation of Filipino-Chinese Chambers of Commerce and Industry, Inc. holds its 25th Biennial Convention in Manila from April 8 to 10, 2005.

The Convention marks another milestone in the more than fifty-year history of our organization. Our Federation remains the largest organization of Chinese-Filipino businessmen with our network of 170 member organizations composed of chambers of commerce and industry, and trade and business organizations all over the Philippines.

I welcome all the delegates to the Convention. ***"Growth and Progress"***, as the theme for the Convention, aptly reflects our Federation's strong commitment to the economic and social transformation of our country.

As we celebrate the success of another term, let us look forward to more achievements in the next two years. Let us make this Convention an opportunity for us to renew our ties, prepare for new challenges, and chart a better future for our Federation and our country.

On behalf of our Federation, I thank our partners in government, our benefactors and sponsors, the local and foreign business organizations, the foreign governments and their representatives in the Philippines, and the organizations and individuals in the Chinese-Filipino community for their strong support to our Federation's programs and projects.

Mabuhay tayong lahat!

JOSE DE VENECIA JR.
SPEAKER

Warmest greetings to the distinguished members of the **Federation of Filipino-Chinese Chambers of Commerce and Industry, Inc. (FFCCCII)**, on your 25th Biennial Convention on April 8-10, 2005.

Last year was a banner year for the economy. Philippine economic performance in 2004 exceeded all forecasts, and we finished the year strongly due to many policy reforms in fiscal and administrative management.

To ensure that this growth does not go to waste, we at the House of Representatives have already approved seven revenue measures sought by Malacañang, the most recent being the two-phase adjustment of the Value Added Tax (VAT) system on goods and services.

At this time of fiscal restraint, I urge my friends from the FFCCCII to rally behind the economic programs of President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo. The enactment of revenue reform measures prevents a bigger financial crisis which would leave the poor and the middle class in a worse condition. I am counting on your support for the proper implementation of these revenue reform measures.

Faced with enormous challenges to our country's economic stability we must all work together to reach our common objective of seeing our country through its ordeals. I wish the FFCCCII success in its endeavors to help government create new wealth for the country.

JOSE L. ATIENZA, JR.
MAYOR

Mabuhay!

I welcome the delegates to the **25th Biennial Convention** of the **Federation of the Filipino-Chinese Chambers of Commerce and Industry, Inc. (FFCCCII)** to the City of Manila. Our City is honored to be the venue for this momentous event.

The FFCCCII has played an important role in the progress of Manila and the whole country. For more than half a century, its officers and members have been our partners in bringing grandeur to the country's capital.

I thank the FFCCCII for continuing to lead and unite the Chinese-Filipino community toward a more cohesive social, cultural and economic environment. Your contributions are crucial to Manila's redevelopment efforts.

I congratulate the officers and members of FFCCCII for its many achievements and I wish you a successful convention.

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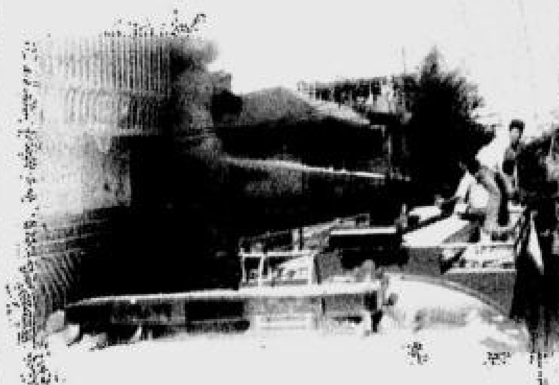

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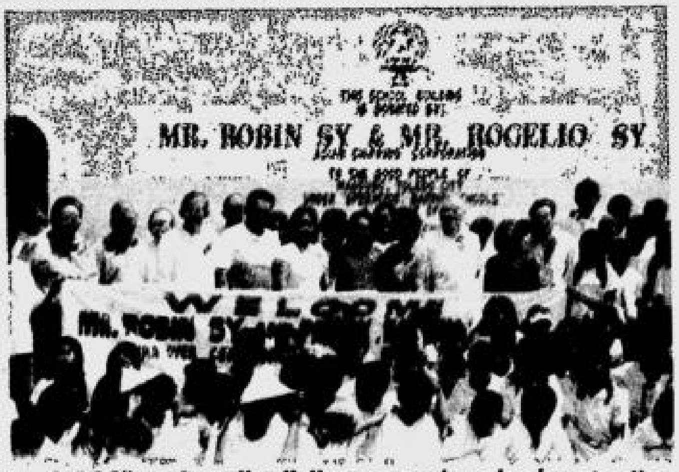
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EDITORIAL

When he returned 14 years later, the Pope picked up right where he had left off. "We are, indeed, old friends," he said in his arrival statement.

And at the end of his five-day visit in January 1995, the same thing, amazingly, happened again. A longing crowd, a lingering goodbye. At one point, the Pope, much aged by then, and with a surer sense of time's inexorable passage, teased those who had gathered to see him off: "No jealousy, no jealousy." He meant we must learn to share his presence with others too.

Today, when John Paul II is finally buried in the tomb once occupied by John XXIII, the "Good Pope" who convened Vatican II and to whose papacy his own will forever be linked, many Filipinos will have to learn the same lesson all over again.

An old friend has made his final journey.

Much has already been said about John Paul II's place in history; he is obviously one for the ages. Many have recognized the role he played in helping tear down the Iron Curtain. On the eve of his death, the INQUIRER also recognized his role in sowing the seeds of people power movements around the world. "Especially in his first years as Pope—in Poland in 1979, in Brazil in 1980, and then, astonishingly, in the Philippines in 1981; all large Catholic countries laboring at that time under dictatorships—John Paul II brought hope to millions by speaking truth to power."

But his extraordinary if controversial papacy cannot be judged on history's terms alone. It must be weighed on an altogether different scale, one which measures faith. On the day he passed away, the INQUIRER sought to describe his 26 and a half years as St. Peter's successor through faith's sometimes obscure lens. "An active participant in all four sessions of the Second Vatican Council, the extraordinary 'opening of windows' which led to many reforms but even more uncertainties, John Paul II used his papacy to bring an end to the post-Vatican II turmoil. In this light, his most important legacy may be the 'Catechism of the Catholic Church,' the first universal summary of the Catholic faith in over 400 years."

But even these milestones in world history and the Roman Catholic Church's own faith story do not explain the global outpouring of grief over his death, which is truly unprecedented. Part of the reason, of course, lies in the very nature of modern media events. They are spectacles, and whether they involve the sudden death of a carefree princess or the prolonged suffering of a well-traveled pope, they help create our reality; even the casual onlooker becomes engaged.

But there is a deeper reason, and it lies in the Pope's own gift for identifying with people. The millions he visited, the millions he had moved, believed that he was one of them.

Filipinos, like other "old friends," have many reasons to share in that belief.

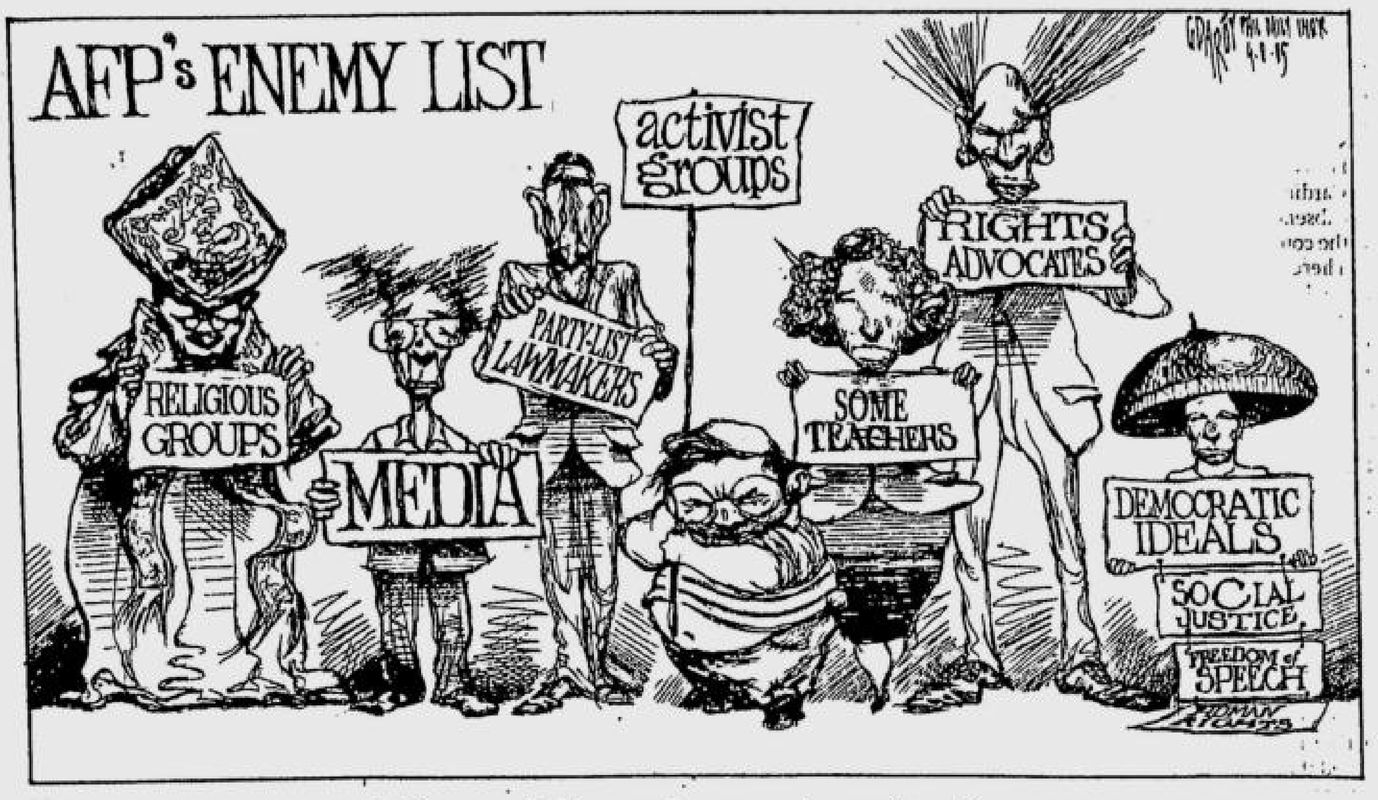
For one thing, his spirituality was like our own: a traditional faith, nourished on popular devotions, finding strength in Marian commitment.

For another, he shared the Filipino's sense of a geographically ordained destiny, albeit in religious terms. Time and again, he called on Filipinos "to play a prominent role in the missionary effort of the Church and to give shining witness amid the ancient noble cultures of Asia."

For a third, he believed in the Filipino's potential, and appealed again and again to Filipinos to exercise leadership in the Church's mission. "Take your place in the forefront," he exhorted. "Contribute in your own way to the proclamation of the Gospel."

Not least, very much like a Filipino, he doted on the young. He listened to their music, hummed along if he could, famously swung his cane to their beat, and addressed himself to their deepest concerns: "Too many young people do not realize that they themselves are the ones who are mainly responsible for giving a worthwhile meaning to their lives," he said, speaking their language. "The mystery of human freedom is at the heart of the great adventure of living life well."

To the very end of his own great adventure, when he was called not only to teach but to give witness, through his own suffering, John Paul II taught all of us what it means to fully plumb the mystery of human freedom.



The old swimming hole

AS I SEE IT

Neal H. Cruz

IN THE HEAT of summer, as you fry in the crowded city, don't you daydream of the old swimming hole where you used to cool yourself and play with your friends when you were a boy? Having been a real boy once upon a time, every man has a favorite swimming hole tucked away somewhere in his memory. Isn't it nice to dredge up those memories during hot summer days, when you're just lazing around, doing nothing but sip a cold drink?

The swimming hole could be a river, a creek, a pond, a lake, a stream, even just an irrigation ditch. I had many of those. I'm sure you, too. Just thinking of them gives one pleasure, as all those happy times spent there. The sad part is that many of those happy places exist no longer but in the memory, erased by progress and pollution.

One of my favorite swimming holes was the Catmon River, near where I grew up in Malabon. There was a wooden bridge across the river, and we used it as a diving board. The river was lined with mangrove trees. During low tide, the roots were exposed and red crabs would be scrambling over them and across the mudflats. Red-and-blue kingfishers perched on the branches waiting for fishes, diving into the water now and then for a catch. We would shoot at them with slingshots from a banca.

During high tide—in a barrio where children learned how to swim almost as soon as they learned how to walk—the river became a vast playground. Happy voices in the river attracted boys and girls to leave whatever they were doing and head for the water.

We preferred spots where the water was deep—near the bridge, near the concrete water gates called "*pirinsa*" that controlled the water flowing in and out of the fishponds; or a particular spot under a big "*kalapinay*" tree. We dove from a branch arching over the water, or swung out on a rope, letting go at the farthest swing to drop into the water. The turbulence created in the water by so many bodies dropping in deepened that part and made it a favorite swimming hole.

We played many games in that hole: swimming races across the river, diving competitions, playing tag underwater, or a mock war with mud from the bottom used as cannonballs.

We played in the river the whole morning and until afternoon, skipping lunch, staying there until our elders called us home or until the tide went out. Exposure to the hot summer sun that long almost every day sunburned us, and by the time we returned to school, we were all so dark the teachers invariably asked: "What happened to you?"

Alas, that old swimming hole is gone. The Catmon River is now so polluted that anyone who swims in it will die of poisoning. The mangrove and *kalapinay* trees that lined its banks are also gone. The fishponds that used to produce so much milkfish and prawns cannot support them anymore. Only the hardy *tilapia* can survive in the polluted water. But many of the ponds have been filled up with dirt and soil and converted to housing lots. One big pond has been transformed into a memorial park, like a monument to the death of the Malabon fishing industry.

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One favorite swimming hole still exists, its water still as cool and fresh as before. This is the creek below the Wawa Dam in Montalban (now Rodriguez). When I was a freshman at the University of Sto. Tomas, I and some classmates would beat classes to go there for a swim. We would dive into the cold water from the boulders that lined the creek. The water was deep and clear and we could open our eyes underwater and see the rocks, sand, pebbles and water weeds in the bottom of the river. Swimming back up was one long lung-bursting ascent to the sunlight and the splashing and happy voices of friends.

That spot was so isolated then that it was like our own secret place. Now it is a popular picnic area. Bamboo-and-cogon sheds have sprouted on the banks and are rented out to picnickers.

When I was a high school freshman at the Mapua Institute of Technology on Doroteo Jose, we would go to the Luneta to swim after our morning classes on Saturdays. We stripped naked on the rocks and dove into the sea, swimming back and forth until we got tired. The water was still clear and clean then. Afterwards, we would put on our clothes while we were still dripping wet, eat our packed lunch on the grass under the rubber trees and take a nap. Our clothes would get dry while we slept.

People still swim off the rocks of the Luneta and Roxas Boulevard, especially in summer, but the government has warned they could get sick doing that. The water is so polluted. The shady rubber trees in the park are gone. For some unexplainable reason, they have been cut down like the shady acacia trees on Taft Avenue on orders of some government factotum.

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Somewhere in Tarlac, Tarlac, in Barrio Agoso, running beside the MacArthur Highway, is a very wide but shallow river. During the rainy season, it is a raging torrent, but in summer it is mostly white sand, with shallow streams flowing in the middle. Tufts of *talahib* grow here and there. The sand is very hot at midday during summer; you can't walk on it barefoot.

As boys, we used to run barefoot across the hot sand to a cogon clump, rest there to cool our feet, and then run again to the next clump like baseball players running from base to base.

In the middle, however, is the stream with small fishes swimming in it. This is where women wash clothes while their children play and bathe in the water. They spread the clothes on the sand to dry.

There is a deep portion of the stream. We used to go there to swim naked, hiding from the eyes of the washerwomen. We stayed there until the women departed, then we would put on our clothes and again run from cogon clump to cogon clump across the hot sand to the bank of the river.

Secular thoughts on a faith incarnate

PASSION FOR REASON

Raul C. Pangalangan

ON APRIL 18, the conclave will convene to elect a new pope to serve the "three-fold office [of] teaching, sanctifying and governing." During his 26-year pontificate, John Paul II was a progressive on political issues, and a conservative on "personal" issues.

Joseph Stalin had famously asked of Pius XII: "The pope? How many divisions has he got?" By 1991, under John Paul's papacy, the USSR had collapsed, and Stalin's heirs learned just how many. (Pius XII was supposed to have said: "You may tell my son Joseph that he will meet my divisions in heaven"—but Stalin might have gone elsewhere.)

John Paul II forged the bond between spreading the faith and letting freedom reign. Having experienced communism's horrors in his native Poland, he lent his awesome legitimizing power to its democratic movement, declaring it his "duty to be with my compatriots in this sublime and difficult moment." "Be not afraid," he counseled, and found communion with the people. He confessed to "a sweet tooth for song and music," his "Polish sin" that endeared him to similarly "sinful" Filipinos.

Yet turning to the prosperous capitalist centers, where others saw only freedom, John Paul II saw instead spiritual poverty in consumerism and the savage competition it fosters, "when freedom does not have a purpose, when it does not wish to know anything about the rule of law engraved in the hearts of men and women." "Freedom consists not in doing what we like, but in having the right to do what we ought."

On the other hand, on social issues, John Paul II was a traditionalist. For him, when Church dogma says that we must respect the sanctity of all human life, it necessarily rejects euthanasia and contraception. He opposed capital punishment, condemned abortion and frowned on homosexuality.

On traditional Church doctrine, John Paul admirably carried ecumenism, pluralism and, yes, catholicity to the hilt, and reached out with open arms to Jews, Muslims, Protestants and Eastern Orthodox churches. Rejecting the ancient hate-campaign against Judaism, he made himself clear: "Once again, through myself, the Church [citing] the well-known declaration Nostra Aetate, 'deplores the hatred, persecutions and displays of anti-Semitism directed against the Jews at any time and by anyone.' I repeat, 'By anyone.'"

He censured Third World priests and nuns who lived their apostolic work in liberation struggles and their accompanying theologies. "You are priests, not social or political leaders. Let us not be under the illusion that we are serving the Gospel through an exaggerated interest in the wide field of temporal problems."

Today's world poses varying challenges to the Vatican. In the West, the rise of secularism, made vivid by empty temples and a decimated clergy. In the many countries, including the United States and the Philippines, the allure of evangelical groups that draw disaffected faithful who fail to see the Vatican's relevance to their lives. All over the globe, the aggressiveness of Islamic fundamentalists, as the war against terror revives the dreaded "C" word (for Crusade). And within Catholicism, recurring demands by both clergy and laity for more inclusive, more participatory worship that will bring rules inherited from the age of feudalism in line with equal rights for all.

In Asia, the Vatican is threatened by a strong-armed Chinese state, which recently—as the Pope lay dying—arrested the 86-year-old bishop of Wenzhou and a few others, and continues to insist that, in China, the Catholic Church is not "Roman" but national and "patriotic" and thus cannot recognize the pope as its spiritual leader.

In the Philippines, we struggle with tradition-bound readings of proven truths. John Paul said: "As the family goes, so goes the nation and so goes the whole world in which we live." Yet for us, the biggest threat to the family and family values comes from extreme poverty: when a spouse or parent works abroad as migrant labor, enjoying the warmth of each other's embrace only during annual vacation leaves; in the export of female "entertainers" and in the thriving child sex industry; and in slum dwellings where unrelated males and females of varying ages sleep in common areas, without toilets or showers. Human worth is debased when the poor beget children they do not want and cannot raise in dignity. Yet, the irony is that the Church objects to the one immediate and concrete (though by no means complete) response—family planning through contraception—preferring the millenarian fiction of economic growth.

The Vatican must find ways to uphold eternal values like human dignity amid the specific threats in our time. No, I do not expect my Pope to be groovy (a word whose meaning my kids don't know, and when told, found so "uncool"). I wholly would appreciate it that he brings us back to first principles, and insists that modern times be lived by ancient wisdoms. I, in fact, would welcome his being strict and stern, to draw the line I dare not cross. All I ask is: why rejoice when the line holds in theory, yet abide that it is breached in fact?

The Catholic faith is built upon the willing sacrifice of The Word Made Flesh—unique among religions (in my limited knowledge) in that it speaks of the divine incarnate in human form who triumphs over mortal pains and temptations. Therein lies its redemptive claim for the lay faithful, who seek sanctification in the drudgery of their daily lives. Therein, too, lies its utmost challenge for the guardians of the faith, who must keep the Word relevant to those who question because they truly believe.

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Shape of the next papacy?

ANALYSIS

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JAIME Cardinal Sin is one of the three remaining cardinals who took part in the election of Archbishop Karol Wojtyla as Pope John Paul II on Oct. 16, 1978. The two other survivors are the Bavarian cardinal, Joseph Ratzinger, and the American William Baum. Ratzinger, head of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, is expected to play a key role in the conclave that will convene on April 16 to elect the next pope. He is regarded as a conservative and the alter ego of JPII, and has been mentioned as one of the dozen or so papal possibilities.

Cardinal Sin is too ill to attend the conclave; his absence reduces to 116 the number of voters at the conclave.

There has been a sea change in the conclave since 1987. As the Pope for the past 26 years, John Paul II "created" 231 cardinals, but many of them have died and only 117 are under the age of 80 and, therefore, eligible to vote in the conclave.

During his pontificate, the number of Roman Catholic Church members has grown to nearly one billion. The April conclave will be the first to elect a pope in the 21st century even as Pope John Paul II was the last pope elected in the 20th century. The pope presides over the spiritual needs of probably the most centralized and bureaucratic religious organization in the world, whose global reach is far more extensive than any secular empire in modern times.

Subdued jockeying has begun among the cardinals regarding the selection of the next pope. Underneath their religious vestments, the princes of the Church are no less politically astute and engaged than their counterparts among secular political leaders. The late pope himself has emerged as one of the most politically engaged and shrewdest pontiffs of the 20th century. It is widely acknowledged—and there is little dispute on this—that JPII was, together with President Ronald Reagan of the United States, the former Soviet leader, Mikhail Gorbachev, a key figure in bringing about the downfall of communism, regarded by historians as the most significant geopolitical event of the second half of the 20th century, leading to the reunification of Europe after World War II.

Ironically, while John Paul II's legacy as a global political figure has left few controversies, the collapse of communism shifted the focus in the assessment of John Paul II's papacy on doctrinal issues that have created deep divisions among the Catholic clergy; and on the capacity of the Church to respond to the doctrinal issues, which are essentially non-political, such as the strict ban on contraception, the sex scandals involving priests that have rocked the Church in the closing years of his pontificate, the celibacy of priests, women's entry into the priesthood, the centralization of the authority of the pope in the Vatican, and the turning back of the Second Vatican Council reforms which gave bishops a wider autonomy in implementing doctrines.

So, with the political role of John Paul II in the collapse of communism already conceded as an important legacy of his pontificate, the questions that now confront the cardinals are: will the next pope be a continuity of JPII, or will he dismantle the latter's legacy, as far as it concerns doctrinal issues; will the next pope be "liberal" or conservative along the inflexible mold of the late pope, or will the next pope be less politicized than JPII? The fact that JPII, because of his long reign, practically packed the college of cardinals with his appointees, does lend to the conclusion that those he appointed will necessarily perpetuate his doctrinal legacy.

The question of the nationality of the next pope is high up on the list of speculations. JPII was the first Polish and Slavic pope in the history of the papacy. The 1978 conclave broke the 450-year domination of Italians of the throne of St. Peter. In that conclave, Cardinal Wojtyla was elected after seven ballots over two leading contenders, both Italians. If a Pole was elected in 1978, why not an African, or Asian this time, maybe an American, and maybe again an Italian? The ways of God are inexplicable and unpredictable. And the reports now emanating from veteran journalists, covering the discreet lobbying in the Vatican among the cardinals, do not provide us any idea as to who the front-runners are and what doctrinal tendencies will shape the next papacy.

The composition of the conclave has changed radically over the past two decades. At the end of World War II, Italians held 57 percent of the votes in the conclave. During JPII's papacy, the Italians' vote in the conclave has slipped to 17.1 percent. Still, the 20 Italians among the 116 voting cardinals constitute the largest, single national group. The Americans have 11, while Germany and Spain have six each.

There is clamor for a Latin American pope and an African pope, to break the domination of the Europeans. But the papacy is not like the United Nations where a system of rotation to key posts, such as the General Assembly, is determined by regional origins. Supporters of the Latin American cardinals note that about half of the world's Catholics are Latin Americans, although they have only 18 percent of the voting cardinals; while the Europeans constitute a quarter of the Catholic community but half of the votes for a new pope. But the voting patterns in the conclaves of the second half of the 20th century do not show that cardinals cast their ballots along regional lines.

(John Paul's legacy: to be continued)

A visit to Tondo

AT LARGE

Rina Jimenez-David

IN HIS novel "A Watch in the Night," Denis Murphy writes of the preparations and politics behind the visit of Pope John Paul II to Manila in the dark days of martial law.

Fr. Ben Santos, the Jesuit provincial, is summoned to Rome, supposedly to help prepare the Pope's speeches and homilies in Manila and also to give background information on the social and political situation obtaining in the country.

But the Pope has another reason for summoning the Jesuit provincial. His predecessor Pope Paul VI, who had visited Manila 10 years earlier and paid a memorable visit to a poor family in Tondo, had written in his will: "Do what men can for the Tondo woman and my unforgivable sin." Santos is given an intriguing assignment: to find the woman, and to assess if the Pope should visit the same family that Paul VI had called on.

For help, Santos turns to another Jesuit, Tim Murtaugh, who has lived and worked among the Tondo poor for years. Murtaugh easily finds the woman who had hosted Paul VI, for little had changed in Tondo and in the poor people's lives. It is Nora Morales who unravels the mystery of "the Pope's woman."

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AFTER HE left her house, says Nora, she followed the Pope down a muddy alley and found a young woman holding a baby close to the Pope's face. "God forgive me, but it looked like a little monkey, a gray monkey...its head flopped back and forth...The woman was holding out the baby to the Pope, offering it and suddenly she pulled the baby away and ran down that alley there."

Running after the young mother, Nora asked what had happened. The mother tells her that she wanted a blessing for her sick child, but when she looked at the Pope's face, she saw that he wanted to vomit. "Can you imagine how she felt?" asked Nora. "You can't, can you?"

In the novel, the new Pope does end up visiting Tondo again, and, against the wishes of his advisers, meets not just with "the Pope's woman," but also the mother of a little girl who'd been killed by government troops in a protest march.

Murphy writes that "A Watch in the Night," though fiction, is "based in part on what people did or suffered during the martial law period." In the following excerpt from the novel, Murphy "recounts" the new Pope's visit to Tondo and the stirring speech he delivered in support of the poor and in rebuke of the rich and mighty. I don't remember any such speech during that visit, else it would have created a huge splash, but a careful reading of the Pope's more obscure phrasings would yield basically the same message. Perhaps this fictionalized account is wishful thinking on Murphy's part. Still, the message bears repeating, lest we forget that Pope John Paul II cared as much about afflicting the comfortable as he did about comforting the afflicted.

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"WHERE are your women?" the Pope asked. He was all business. Murtaugh led him to the roped-off area. The mother of the dead girl wore a green dress... Pope Paul's woman was in white. She held her new baby carelessly over her shoulder like a small sack of rice... When the Pope held the little girl, its head flopped against his chest. He put his hand behind the child's head, with his fingers in its thick hair to steady it and looked at the pinched, gray features and the unblinking eyes. If he hadn't been prepared, he would have reacted like Paul...He kissed the child on the lips.

"The people around waited for something dramatic, but he simply returned the child to the mother...Then he embraced the mother of the dead girl and stomped back to the speaker's stand.

"...The Pope told the people it saddened him and the Church that so little had been done since the visit of Paul: 'Despite your efforts, your good ideas and actions, nothing is changed. This is still not a place for children...' When he wanted to stress a line... he paused until all sound subsided and then spoke very softly."

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SANTOS heard the Pope speak the words he had written: "'We are the Church of the poor. We will listen to the voices of the poor. We will listen to their voices because others have proven to be false guides. Every person and government that have the good of ordinary people at heart will find in the Church, in this Pope, a friend and ally.'

"'We do not know all of what it means to be the Church of the poor. It may be that we must distance ourselves from the rich and powerful. Not all rich and influential people are to be avoided, but we are not as wise as Jesus who knew how to separate the rich who sought justice, such as Nicomedus and Matthew, from the others.'

"He rolled up the text of his prepared speech and pointed with it at the squatter shacks visible beyond the compound walls. 'Wrong. Not for children!' he shouted. 'Wrong in the eyes of God.' He sent Murtaugh to get the child.

"The Pope held the child while he spoke. 'Nothing is changed. What judgment must we pass? You see this child? Pope Paul came years ago when the child's brother was this age. See, this child is half dead, so was her brother then. Pope Paul is gone, but still there are these poor children...if a Pope comes back here again and finds such children, what punishment will your Church and government deserve?'

"'I call on the government to stop its slum clearance program that punishes so many poor families. The poor are not the problem. If God is with them, how then can they be problems? We can do better. As the only Christian country in Asia we must have a program to benefit everyone. Do not kill. Do not evict.'...

"It was thrilling, the Church and the poor, a powerful voice ringing with the simple truth of the Gospel, like dawn after a night of fear and rape. At last a Pope in the full splendor of his office stood and threatened to bring God's punishment down on those who did violence to the poor."

The day's 'real hero'

LOOKING BACK

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OUR newspapers and TV screens are bursting with stories on John Paul II. On display in Quiapo is the pope mobile; and in the University of Santo Tomas, the throne he sat on when he was here. From all over the world, we see a chorus of condolences and sorrow. Such is the passing of a long pontificate, the passing of an age.

One of the stories that caught my attention was on the foiled plot to blow up the pope mobile of JPII along Quirino Avenue.

In another time, another pope also survived an actual assassination attempt in Manila. History records the attempt on the life of Paul VI at the then Manila International Airport. The would-be assassin was a 35-year-old Bolivian painter named Benjamin Mendoza; and the hero of the story, depends on whose version is being peddled.

Like all would-be tragic historical events, things happened very fast on the morning of Nov. 27, 1970. It was the first time that a pope would visit the Philippines and, as expected, the faithful cheered wildly as soon as he made his appearance on the door of the airplane. Pope Paul VI was led down the stairs to a red carpet lined with VIPs eagerly waiting to kiss the pontifical ring or hand, whichever was more convenient. As he walked the red carpet to a dais where he was to read a brief arrival statement, Mendoza, clad in a black clerical suit, with a gleaming Medal of St. Benedict hung from his neck, suddenly lunged at the Pope with a 10-inch kris; but he was subdued by security men. The Pope proceeded to the podium as if nothing happened.

In a statement issued shortly after the incident, Imelda Marcos said her husband, Ferdinand E. Marcos, then the incumbent Philippine president, delivered the life-saving karate chop with his left hand (FM was left-handed) and pushed the Pope away from the attacker with his right hand. The Pope, according to Mrs. Marcos, was shoved toward her and that she saw the kris drop to the floor. Naturally, others corroborated this story and even added that aside from the famous karate chop, Marcos even tried to deliver a flying kick to Mendoza. Now that is material for a film version of this story, but unfortunately history is more sober.

The official Vatican statement on the incident made no mention of the Marcos karate chop and went on to suggest that a Korean cardinal parried the potentially lethal blow. Reading the sources today, one gets a feeling that everything seems confused and confusing. Asked to comment, an irritated Marcos described the Vatican version as "ridiculous" and snapped, "Why don't they ask the persons who know? Why don't they ask the man [Mendoza] himself?"

So they did ask Mendoza at the NBI headquarters during a press conference the next day, Nov. 28, 1970. "I feel disappointed for failing to kill the Pope," Mendoza said, "and would do it again if given another chance." Then, as if on cue, he added:

"Although I thought then that it was President Marcos who parried my hands, I was not very sure about it. But when I saw the pictures upi [NBI Director Bugarin] showed me, I am convinced that it was really he [Ferdinand Marcos] who prevented my killing the Pope. Sorry, sorry about the disappointment."

Were the above quotes spoken in English or Spanish and only later translated into English? Aside from this, I'm not so sure who is telling the truth, but if you look at the photos of the incident, Marcos is too far away from the Pope to have managed either a karate chop at close range, much less attempt a flying kick. On Dec. 1, 1970, Anthony Dennis Galvin, Bishop of Sarawak, issued a statement in Singapore saying he did "not remember President Marcos give the Bolivian painter a karate chop and kick." He was an arm's length from the Pope at the time and what he remembered was that:

"It was one of the two papal security guards who played the vital role of saving the Pope, for he stuck out his hand to parry the attacker's lunge and pushed him away—right into my arms...I stretched my arms, folded them around the man and pulled him further backwards, while presidential security men grabbed the man's hands and tugged him away."

A historian trying to recreate the event is stuck with conflicting accounts of one and the same event. Aside from a terse Vatican statement, you have eyewitness accounts from a bishop, a mad painter, and a discredited president whose war medals are now in question.

The incident is but another footnote in the life of Paul VI, which is often overlooked. The would-be assassin was deemed too weird with his words: during his trial, he claimed that he was only trying to kill the Pope "symbolically." A later investigation revealed that he was able to deal two weak strokes on the Pope's neck. Since the Pope survived, he was charged with "frustrated murder." Our question then should be: who or what frustrated this attempt on the Pope's life? It was surely nothing worldly or miraculous, not even the disputed Marcos karate chop.

Unknown to many is that Paul VI suffered from back trouble. To ease his pain and keep him upright, he wore a neck brace concealed under his papal robes. Thus, the two simple blows on the neck by Mendoza would have been fatal as they would have cut into his jugular veins. So the real life-saver of the day was the simple neck brace that was hidden under his heavily starched breast cape. Now that is truly providential.

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Iloilo and 'urbanidad'

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A LECTURE on tuberculosis combined with a classical music concert?

That's exactly what happened last week. The Citizens Iloilo Coalition Against TB (CICAT) had asked me to speak on TB, and I didn't think twice about saying yes because the invitation letter said that Gilopez Kabayao was going to give a concert in the same event.

I would have been happy with one or two pieces by Kabayao, but what we got that night was the maestro and his wife Corazon Pineda, who is a concert pianist, plus their three violinist children Farida, Sicilienne and Gilberto, performing a full repertoire of classical, Broadway, Filipino and Christian music.

The lecture and concert took place in the evening, after I had taken in a full day of Iloilo City. "This is the life," I thought to myself, and as the concert unfolded, I kept groping for a word to describe my feelings about the city. Then as the Kabayao Family Quintet performed one of their last pieces, I almost jumped out of my seat to shout: "*Urbanidad!*"

More than urbanity

What kept me in my seat was *urbanidad*.

Only a few days earlier, a professor at the University of the Philippines had used the term to describe a colleague who, on the surface, seemed quite sophisticated: a Ph.D. from an American university, fairly well traveled. Yet, the man was insufferable, notorious for trying too hard with his claims to urbanity.

"*Walang urbanidad*," scoffed the professor.

Urbanidad is not urbanity. You can live all your life in New York, which makes you an urbanite, but that does not give you *urbanidad*.

In fact, many Europeans will say New Yorkers can never develop *urbanidad*. *Urbanidad* starts with urbanity, but goes beyond. The Spanish-English dictionaries define *urbanidad* as refinement, but I think there's more to it.

Urbanity is identified with convenience, with the good life. *Urbanidad* is an appreciation of life itself in its finer aspects. In many ways, Iloilo's *piña, jusi, sinamay* and *hablon* epitomize this *urbanidad*. Just think of how pineapple, abaca and banana fibers are transformed into embroidered fabrics, so exquisite some people frame them as you do paintings. Foreigners are intimidated: "You can't wear such fine artwork. They crumple, they wrinkle too easily." But they don't understand, art isn't just to look at, it's to be used, to be worn. And the wrinkling? That's "*gusot yaman*," the crumpling taking on connotations of status. Now that's *urbanidad*.

Early globalization

Urbanidad is like good wine, getting better with time. It is not surprising Iloilo has this *urbanidad*. Even before the Spaniards arrived, Panay island was a trading hub, and one can say *urbanidad* was already growing, with a local demand for Chinese ceramics. In exchange, the natives offered, among other items, handwoven cotton.

Iloilo benefited from several waves of early globalization; ideas and skills exchanged with the pottery and sandalwood and cloth. First there were the Chinese traders; later there were the Spaniards, who tapped skilled carpenters and artisans to build garrisons and ships, as well as homes, churches and colonial offices.

The indigenous weaving industry developed on its own, attracting migrants from rural areas, contributing to Iloilo's growth as an urban center. In the 19th century, the French writer Mallat identified 52 varieties of textiles in the area, including mixtures of cotton, silk, pineapple and hemp. Mallat gushed over the sophistication of their products: "the combination of their designs and colours is so bright and varied that they have the admiration of the whole world."

Like globalization today, Iloilo's opening up to the world had its human costs. Iloilo catered to a growing global demand for sugar, and built industry out of the blood and sweat of the plantations of Negros. And as Iloilo opened itself to world trade, it meant cheap imports flooding in, including mass-produced cotton from Manchester, England, which eventually throttled the local textile industry.

His city, her 'urbanidad'

The sugar industry collapsed in the 1970s but even before that, Iloilo's sugar barons had siphoned off the city's wealth to Manila. But there were others who stayed, keeping the city and its cultural heritage alive. I always look forward to visiting this wonderful old house in the Arevalo district, where Cecilia Villanueva and her family have kept the weaving tradition going, even the way they sell their products. No glitzy displays here; she'll bring out the finest textiles out from an antique aparador for you to choose from, urging you to touch, to feel the cloth.

There's pride in things local, as well as global. You have, for example, the Kabayao family touring public schools and performing for free, exposing Iloilo's young to the wonders of the violin and of the world's classical music.

It's not accidental urbanity rhymes with vanity. Urbanity is often faddish and ephemeral, catering to individual conceits. *Urbanidad*, on the other hand, builds on a sense of community and of civic duty, as we see with the Kabayao benefit concerts in schools or at the CICAT function.

Urbanidad is a healthy combination of both appreciation as well as suspicion of modernity. The malls have invaded Iloilo City but they're not built as massively as those of Manila. Someone told me they have a cap on how high buildings can go in the city.

Religious conservatism remains, at least on the façade, but is tempered by *urbanidad*. I walked past the Catholic church in Molo and grimaced as I noticed a banner, "No to Ligtas Buntis." But my guide pulled me into the church to meet her more powerful friends—except for Jesus and two presumably male archangels, all the statues are of women. There was Mary Magdalene on one side and, in the central altar, there was the Virgin Mary and her mother, Anne.

Cities, with their erections, edifices and rules, are male; *urbanidad*, on the other hand, is cultivated, nurtured, and so female in its subversion.

I've been visiting Iloilo City regularly for the past 10 years or so, and fret about green spaces giving way to fast-food restaurants and not being able to get a good breakfast. I worry seeing Manila's crass urbanism creeping in, but I still think Iloilo, together with other cities like Cebu, can help set the pace for an alternative Filipino *urbanidad*. I think of lunch by the sea as my friend Henny Espanola talks about her Zen group. Or of strolling down the city's streets early in the morning, pausing occasionally to look at one of the old houses—they're everywhere and not limited to mansions—to appreciate the intricate architecture, even as my mind plays back music from the previous night's concert.

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ATB will abet corruption

TWO different but closely interconnected stories—the Philippines as the second most corrupt country in Asia and the Anti-Terrorism Bill (ATB)—recently came out as hot news.

The ATB will allow the arrests of suspected "terrorists" without warrant, and their detention for 30 days without charges. This expands the powers of the military and police institutions, which have proven themselves to be inefficient in stopping terror crimes like kidnapping, bombings and drug trafficking; their inefficiency caused not so much by a lack of laws as by corruption.

Corruption victimizes the poor and disempowered as resources for social services are channeled to private pockets. These pockets are owned by public officials and politicians who make rules and enact laws—naturally to favor their clients, who are most likely the economically empowered people and entities.

The ATB will give additional ammunition to those in power to harass and tag just about anybody as "terrorist." The ATB's definitions of "terrorist" and "terrorism" are so vague that they could include any form of legitimate opposition and dissent, like those against corruption.

The ambiguity in the definitions of "terrorist" and "terrorism" invite abuse. As early as now, the military has already drawn the stereotype image of "terrorists"—Muslims. After every bombing incidents, they raid the Muslim communities in Quiapo and Taguig, in the name of the "war against terrorism." Meanwhile, they have turned deaf and blind to the exposé of the Oakwood mutineers who have accused top military personnel of having something to do with the Davao wharf bombing.

The ATB is a fearsome bill for middle- and low-ranking officials, whose dirty deals will become easier to pry into. On the other hand, it is the dream bill of the corrupt officials who are high up in the totem pole, as the bill will empower them to open deposits in banking or non-banking financial institutions and to wiretap and conduct surveillance without prior court orders. Meaning, the bill will allow them to pinpoint, not only whom and how much to mulct, but also where and when to mulct.

Since corrupt officials have an unspoken pledge to protect each other, very likely, intrusions to privacy under the ATB will not bother the likes of Jose Velarde and Jose Pidal.

The ATB and corruption are a surefire combination for chaos. The Concerned Artists of the Philippines stands in solidarity with people's organizations in opposing the ATB and fighting corruption.

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Why less preference for beautiful RP

THE EXTORTION and the injury experienced by foreign tourists in Pagsanjan (Letters, 3/21/05) only showed the weakness of the present tourism chair and his office.

Compared to other Southeast Asian countries, there is no question that the Philippines is more beautiful. But why do most tourists still prefer congested Bangkok and indifferent Singapore and Hong Kong?

And why shouldn't they? Our present and previous governments have been concentrating too much on exporting overseas Filipino workers.

Our country rarely gets exposure in international tourism promotions. What is the government doing about this?

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Filipino tenacity

BOXING star Manny Pacquiao's stand against Erik Morales was a perfect allegory of the tenacity of the Filipino spirit which struggles with an unshakeable determination to win, no matter how long and arduous the path, and no matter how fierce the enemy may be.

Genuine freedom from the chains of suffering and injustice lies ahead as the Filipino nation fights the malignant ills that have led to economic crisis, poor quality of social services, e-VAT, high rate of unemployment and human rights violations.

"Pacman" may have "lost," but to us, he is a winner. The judges' decision did not make him a loser. Pacman exemplifies the struggling Filipino who stands his ground to the very last round, facing the enemy's blows, but never backing out.

Twelve rounds, 36 minutes—they're a lifetime of struggle in the thick of harsh fighting. But Pacquiao endured and never gave up the fight. So must we.

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Gross injustice, grand swindle

ON MARCH 15, 2005, Commissioner Rauf Tan of the Energy Regulatory Commission held public consultations on "A Resolution Clarifying the Allocation of the 5% Reinvestment Fund." The fund is being paid today by more than six million members of the country's 119 electric cooperatives (EC).

Together with 12 other consumers from Pampanga and Zambales, we raised a prejudicial question on the reinvestment fund (RF) which is burdensome to EC members.

By way of background, the 5 percent RF is a unilateral imposition by the government (started in 1992) to cover expansion projects (i.e., missionary electrification) and the system's upgrading. In exchange of the unilateral burden, the uniform by-laws of all ECs recognized the members' joint ownership of the EC, and directed that this be reflected in the EC books as the members' individual equity recognized as "patronage capital."

For over 12 years, the National Electrification Administration defaulted on its mandate and obligation to recognize this patronage capital. In fact, the NEA presided over the condonation of P17.9 billion in EC debts, without making any effort at all that those debts, presumably incurred by the EC for system upgrade, be recognized as part of the members' equity or patronage capital. (When paying the universal charges, the six million EC members would in effect be paying double for that P17.9 billion condoned debts.)

Our request to Tan is for the ERC to direct the NEA to immediately implement the uniform EC by-laws and effect the recognition of the equity interest (in the form of patronage capital) of EC members in their cooperatives.

Unless this gross injustice (I am almost tempted to say grand swindle!) on EC members is rectified, there is no moral basis at all to discuss the allocation of the RF.

Incidentally, missionary electrification is a state obligation that is unjustly passed on to the poorest consumers in the ECs. In one EC in Region 4, for instance, the 5-percent RF amounts to P0.2630/kWh. For a 100 kWh household, that is P26.30 per month. With six million EC members, that's P157.8 million per month, or P1.89 billion per year.

A government that swindles the poorest of the poor in the countryside of P1.89 billion has no moral basis to govern.

There are other issues we wish to raise on the proposed RF allocation, but we insist that this prejudicial question be resolved first.

With the help of the INQUIRER, we hope that the six million EC members will become aware of what they are entitled to after more than 12 years of RF payments.

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Shut down Casecnan dam, gov orders

By Melvin Gascon
PDI Northern Luzon Bureau

BAYOMBONG, Nueva Vizcaya—Gov. Luisa Lloren-Cuaresma on Thursday ordered town officials to pursue "all remedies" to close down a foreign-owned power generation facility for non-payment of about P240 million in benefits to the province.

Cuaresma expressed exasperation over she called "tactics" being employed by California Energy-Casecnan to deny the province long-delayed benefits from the operation of the Casecnan Multipurpose Irrigation Project (CMIPP) in the upland town of Alfonso Castañeda.

"I am now directing the concerned chiefs of offices and our lawyers to impose the measures, such as levying the properties of [CE-Casecnan] so that we can claim the uncollected taxes. As far as I am concerned, [the CMIPP] should be shut down now," she said.

The CMIPP is a power and irrigation project constructed under a 25-year build-operate-transfer scheme, for which Nueva Vizcaya, as host community, is mandated by law to receive a share of the proceeds from the sale of energy and water derived from it.

Computed since the CMIPP started operations in 2001, the province's share is estimated to have reached P10 million, officials said.

Officials are also trying to collect P229 million in real property taxes for all CMIPP structures located in Nueva Vizcaya.

During Thursday's dialogue among officials of the provincial government, CE-Casecnan and other concerned national government agencies, Cuaresma rejected proposals of compromises between the provincial government and the power company.

"Let's close down the CMIPP. Anyway, we in the province are the ones suffering because of the unpaid benefits," she added.

She criticized officials of the National Irrigation Administration and the Department of Finance for supposedly conniving with CE-Casecnan and making it even harder for the province to collect the fees.

"What kind of government is this? Why is the NIA favoring a private company over our local government? Why is the [DOF] protesting the payment of taxes when it was supposed to encourage LGUs to enhance collection?" she asked.

Lawyer Linda Castillo, CE-Casecnan vice president for legal and corporate affairs, said the company had not paid the province its share of the national wealth tax because even before the dam's construction, it was guaranteed tax incentives by the government.

Such incentives were offered to attract foreign investments to avert an energy crisis that was then crippling the country, Castillo said.

Moreover, she said, CE-Casecnan was barred from paying the local taxes as stated in a supplemental agreement entered into by the firm, NIA and the DOF.

Local officials dismissed Castillo's claim, saying that the supplemental agreement forged on Sept. 29, 2003 was "a mere afterthought" designed to allow the US firm to escape from its obligation to pay real property taxes.

It was signed a day after CE-Casecnan received the bill for the real property tax for CMIPP on Sept. 28, 2003, noted the provincial assessor, Federico Andaya.

DA to shoulder half of cost of hybrid rice

TACLOBAN CITY—The Department of Agriculture in Eastern Visayas is offering to subsidize the acquisition of hybrid rice to encourage farmers to plant them.

Hybrid rice is supposed to bring farmers better yield but only a few in the region plant them because of the high cost of producing the high-yielding variety.

Leo Cañeda, DA regional technical director, revealed that out of the region's more than 55,000 rice farmers, only 14 percent or about 7,000 plant hybrid rice as majority of the farmers chose to use ordinary or "in-breed" rice even if they are low-yielding variety.

By using the hybrid rice variety, which includes the so-called "Gloria Rice," farmers could expect to double their rice production and subsequently their income, Cañeda said.

He said that by using the "Gloria Rice," for example, a farmer could expect a yield of 10 metric tons of *palay* per hectare while a farmer who planted in-breed variety could only produce about six metric tons of *palay* per hectare.

In terms of income, he added, a farmer who is into low-yield variety can only earn P6,000 per cropping season, which is twice a year. In contrast, a farmer who plants the hybrid rice can expect P32,000 in income per harvest.

But the wide disparity between the prices of the high and low yielding varieties left farmers with little choice but to use the in-breed variety.

A bag of hybrid rice costs about P2,500 per bag while the in-breed rice, like RC18, only costs from P80 to P120 per bag, Cañeda said.

Joey Gabieta, PDI Visayas Bureau

SC justice to receive honorary law degree

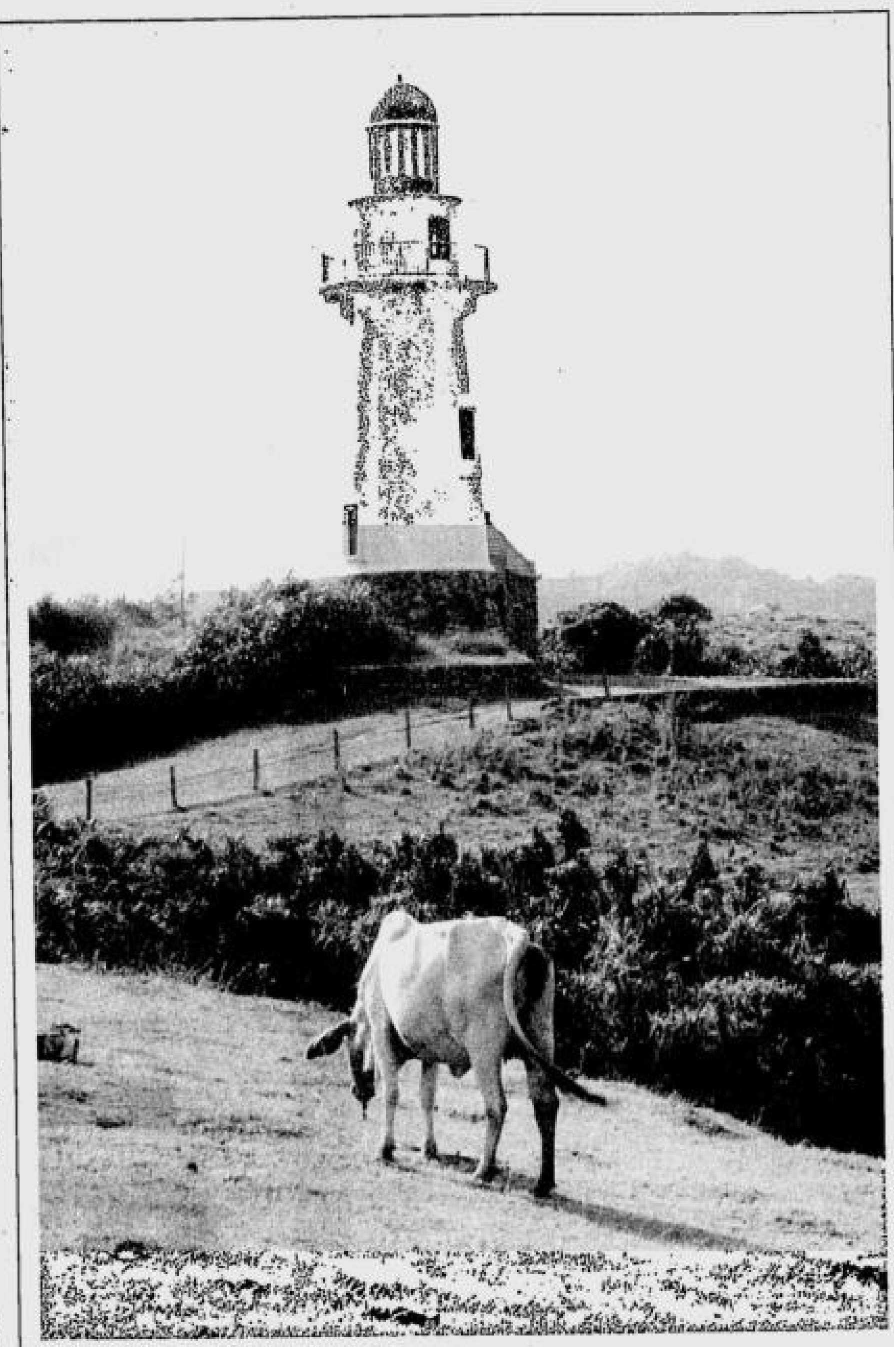
THE ANGELES University Foundation (AUF) will confer an honorary degree in law upon former Supreme Court Associate Justice Jose Vitug during graduation ceremonies today at its main campus in Angeles City, it was announced by Dr. Ricardo Pama, AUF president.

A Kapampangan, Justice Vitug is being honored in recognition of his outstanding contributions to the growth and development of the law profession and the Philippine judicial system as a lawyer, educator, author and administrator.

Currently a senior professor at the Philippine Judiciary Academy of the Supreme Court, Justice Vitug will also address graduating students from the colleges of engineering and computer studies.

The program starts with an invocation by AUF campus minister, Rev. Fr. Joel Gamboa. The conferment rites will be led by Dr. Emmanuel Angeles, AUF chancellor, Pama and other university officials.

The address of petition will be read by Adrien Petell, BS Information Technology 2005 graduate, cum laude.



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A solitary cow grazes on the lush greens as a lighthouse provides a picturesque backdrop in Batanes. Fishing is the main livelihood for the island's approximately 17,000 residents.

High NLEx toll, meningo reports blamed for sharp fall in Baguio tourism

By Vincent Cabreza
PDI Northern Luzon Bureau

BAGUIO CITY—The city's big businesses have decided to hire professional publicists to counter the "bad publicity" that has pulled down tourism this year in the summer capital.

Benedicto Alhambra, acting city administrator, placed the decline during Holy Week at 40 percent, compared to Baguio's previous summer treks. The city's tourism peak season begins in December and ends during the summer break.

A Baguio recovery task force, composed of hoteliers and restaurateurs, has blamed old news stories about meningococcemia and terrorism for the city's tourism decline.

But Mayor Braulio Yaranon cautioned businessman about over reacting.

He said the unstable fuel prices and the extremely high toll fees of the North Luzon Expressway are the bigger reasons for the tourist slowdown.

He said domestic tourists now pay a P406 toll fee for entering and exiting the expressway routes from Mabalacat in Pampanga to Balintawak in Caloocan City on their way to and from Baguio.

"Who will want to spend that [at today's gas prices]? It's much cheaper traveling to nearer [tourist areas]," he told the task force.

Marketing

The mayor said marketing efforts must be geared at negating the NLEx problem, instead of reminding people about the disease that killed several people here and in other Cordillera provinces.

Buying a public relations contract will help the city overcome an image tainted by last year's meningococcemia paranoia, a report from the Department of Justice that Baguio is a terror target, and its deteriorating metropolis, the task force pointed out.

Lourdes Ng, a member of the Baguio Association of Restaurants, said the disease had hurt Baguio businesses more than any disaster.

"Several restaurants have closed at [a popular shopping mall], and if that can happen to [a big mall] like that, imagine how it has affected smaller businesses," she said.

The city was also battered over the Internet. A promotional website of Tagaytay City had described Baguio, its closest competitor, as a polluted, traffic-ridden city.

Publicity

The public relations firm is expected to drum up publicity in the national media, and will coordinate headline-grabbing publicity gimmicks such as a special Bench underwear and lingerie show here in May, said Anthony de Leon, the task force chair. De Leon is the general manager of the Baguio Country Club.

Janine McCann-Chan, president of the Baguio Association of Hotels and Inns (Bahai), said the task force has also resolved to continue the promotional hotel rate discounts started in February during the 10th Baguio Flower Festival.

The promotion's first incarnation failed to draw crowds, Chan admitted, because of "negative" publicity.

Bahai is currently evaluating a proposal to provide uniform reduced rates for all city hotels.

Murder raps filed vs reb suspect in priest slaying

CAMP OLIVAS, Pampanga—Police authorities filed murder charges against a suspected New People's Army assassin tagged as one of the killers of Aglipayan priest William Tadena, a supporter of striking workers of the Cojuangco family-owned Hacienda Luisita sugar estate in Tarlac.

The case was filed against a certain Ka Boyong with the municipal trial court in La Paz, Tarlac, on Wednesday, 23 days after Tadena, 38, was killed in an ambush on March 13 after officiating a Mass in Barangay Guevarra, also in La Paz.

The priest's two companions also died.

In a report reaching this camp, police said at least two witnesses identified the suspect through an artist's sketch. One of them said the suspect even asked him to light his cigarette.

Police said they were not holding the witnesses in custody. They declined to identify them, saying they agreed to cooperate in the investigation on condition of anonymity.

Tadena is the 12th of 13 people, mostly activists, who have been killed in Central Luzon since January, according to the militant Bagong Alyansang Makabayan. Five more people have been abducted and are still missing.

Aside from supporting the Luisita workers, Tadena had joined fact-finding missions in Pura and Victoria towns, Fabian Hallig, secretary general of the Alliance of Concerned Teachers in Central Luzon, said.

A mass evacuation of residents in Pura took place after NPA rebels and Army soldiers clashed in their village in October last year. In Victoria, three suspected rebels were captured on Jan. 25.

Tonette Orejas, PDI Central Luzon Desk

Quezon charcoal makers seek lifting of ban on transport of forest products

REAL, Quezon—Impoverished calamity victims-turned-charcoal makers have assailed the Department of Environment and Natural Resources for cutting their lifeline through their only means of livelihood when the government suspended the issuance of permits for the transport of all forest by-products from Quezon province.

"Selling of charcoal is our families' only means of survival after the calamity and yet the government mercilessly stopped us from selling it. Our children now cry of hunger," Liza de la Cruz, village councilor of Barangay Capalong, Real, told the INQUIRER.

She said that since March, the DENR has no longer issued "invoices" that serve as permit for charcoal buyers to transport the product out of the province.

"The issuance of permit was abruptly stopped without any notification to us whatsoever. We were left with nothing but stocks of charcoal. There is no rice, no food in the table," she said.

The village official said they used to pay P2 to the local DENR office for each sack of charcoal to be transported out of the province.

She said the ration of relief goods had also stopped coming.

"The government should offer us alternative livelihood if this suspension will still take long," De la Cruz said.

Some of the villagers said they just let the graduation of their children pass without any celebration.

On both sides of the road, stacks of charcoal in jute sacks were piled on top of the other.

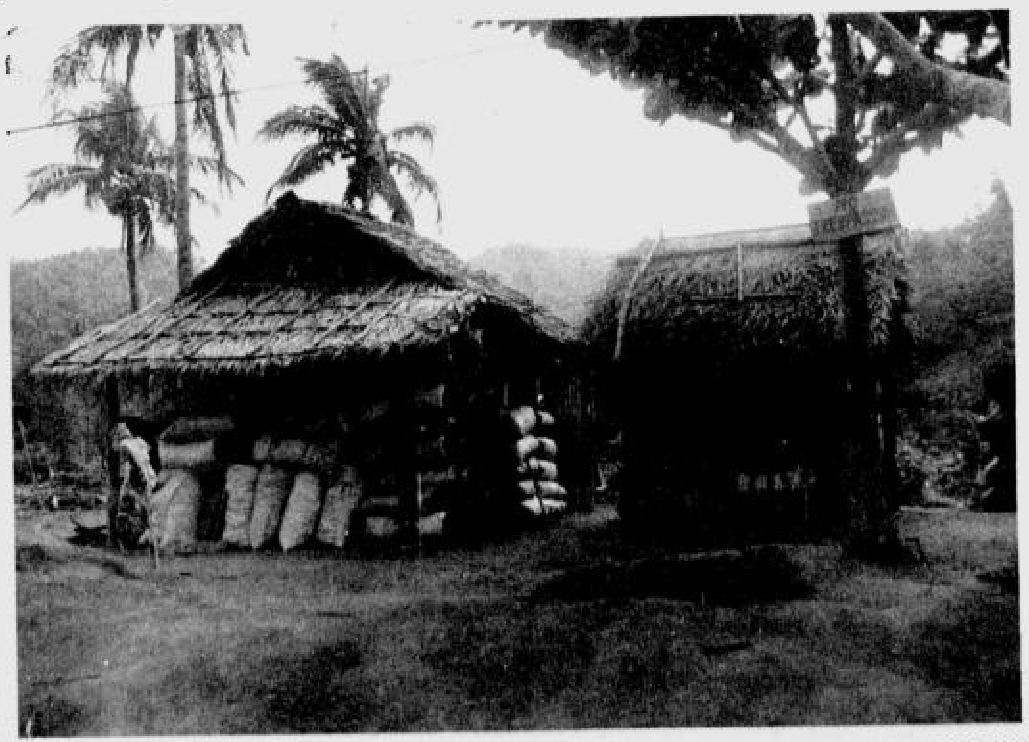
De la Cruz said she had at least 70 sacks of charcoal near her house. She said they used to sell a sack of charcoal for P65.

"But lately, if I have a buyer for one or two sacks, they would only offer P40 a sack, knowing that we don't have other buyers from the outside," she lamented.

Transporting undocumented charcoal only invites confiscation along the route.

Along the Real-Infanta road, smoke from several charcoal pits using drifted logs still greets passing motorists.

Delfin Mallari, PDI Southern Luzon Bureau



WANTED BUYERS. Piles of charcoal along the road await buyers.

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THE UNPRECEDENTED number of pilgrims flooding the Vatican to be there for the Pope's funeral include these Filipino nuns waving high the colors of their country.

AP

Sin remains hopeful of going to Rome to help elect next pope

DESPITE his doctors' advice, retired Manila Archbishop Jaime Cardinal Sin remains hopeful that he will survive the 16-hour trip to Rome to help select the next pope.

On the eve of Pope John Paul II's burial, a teary-eyed Sin was already resigned to the fact that he would not be able to see his old friend for the last time, said his personal secretary, Fr. Rufino Sescon.

Should he be able to attend, Sin would be participating in his third conclave, having been present during the elections of Pope John Paul I and Pope John Paul II in 1978. He would share that distinction with only two other cardinals.

"The cardinal has accepted his doctors' advice not to attend the burial," Sescon said in a statement released by the Archdiocese of Manila yesterday.

Very sad

Sescon said the prelate was "very sad," especially considering his close relationship with the Pontiff, a friendship that began when the Polish cardinal was elected Pope in 1978.

Sin and the then Cardinal Karol Jozef Wojtyla were billeted in the same room during that conclave.

As soon as the cardinal learned about the Pope's death last Sunday, Sescon said Sin immediately made arrangements for the trip to Rome.

"He had already begun telling friends and visitors that he would be leaving shortly to attend the funeral and the conclave," Sin's personal secretary said.

But his doctors' subsequent advice dashed his hopes.

Still praying

All is not lost for the ailing prelate with the conclave not beginning until April 18. He is still hoping that he will be given the go-signal, according to Sescon.

"The cardinal has constantly mentioned that he felt it was his duty as a cardinal and as one of the leaders of the Philippine Church to be present during the events that will determine the next pontiff to lead the Catholic Church," he said.

Dialysis

Again, the 76-year-old Sin would have to convince his doctors that he could withstand the long trip to the Vatican.

Sin is afflicted with kidney problems and diabetes and has considerably reduced his public appearances in recent years.

He has been undergoing dialysis three to four times a week since 1998. He suffered a mild stroke in 2003 and was hospitalized last October after a sudden drop in blood pressure.

Doctors from the Cardinal Santos Medical Center and the University of Santo Tomas Hospital are observing the prelate to determine if he is fit to travel and endure the rigors of the conclave.

Lone Filipino cardinal

If Sin does not go to the Vatican, Cebu Archbishop Ricardo Cardinal Vidal would be the lone Filipino in the upcoming conclave. Vidal is in the Vatican to attend today's funeral.

The third Filipino cardinal, Jose Cardinal Sanchez, 84, is also in the Vatican. But Sanchez is no longer eligible to join the conclave. Only cardinals below the age of 80 will choose the next pope.

As the Vatican prepared to select a successor to Pope John Paul II, Church leaders in the Philippines, Asia's largest Roman Catholic nation, urged the College of Cardinals not to elect a "liberal" pontiff.

A Filipino archbishop said the leader of the world's 1.1 billion Roman Catholics must uphold Church doctrine on such issues as marriage, abortion, birth control and priesthood for women.

The Philippines is one of few countries in the world where the majority of Catholics are in broad agreement with the Vatican in its opposition to abortion, artificial contraceptives, and the ordination of women priests, among other contentious issues besetting the religion in the West.

In this Southeast Asian former Spanish colony, abortion and divorce are against the law, and condoms and birth control pills are unpopular.

"If the Pope is a liberal it is against the law of God," said Ramon Arguelles, the archbishop of Lipa City.

"Liberalism is a no-no because it is anti-God, so you cannot have a pope that is anti-God," he told AFP in an interview.

"You must have a pope who can interpret very well the laws of God and the laws of nature."

Some 68 million of the Philippines' 84-million-strong population are baptized Catholics.

El Shaddai

Television evangelist Mike Velarde, leader of the Catholic lay movement El Shaddai that claims 10 million members, said his group wanted the next pope to follow a conservative direction similar to that pursued by John Paul II.

"We hope that his successor will continue the journey that Pope John Paul II pursued until his last day in office," Velarde said in a statement.

In a nationwide survey released this week, a majority of the people listed Pope John Paul II as the person they most trusted.

The question of a liberal pope is "not even worthy of asking, especially if by liberal you mean that the next pope will allow abortion, use of contraceptives, or divorce," Arguelles said.

"This is against the law of God. The pope can't go against the law of God."

Reports from Christian Esguerra, AP and AFP

Luneta goodbye for Pope in RP

By Christian V. Esguerra

THOUSANDS of people are expected to converge on the Quirino Grandstand in Manila this afternoon for a special Mass coinciding with Pope John Paul II's burial rites at the Vatican.

It will be the closest that many of the country's 68 million Catholics will get to sending off the 84-year-old Pontiff to his final resting place.

The Pope had visited the predominantly Catholic nation twice during his 26-year pontificate.

People from other faiths have also been invited to the Manila gathering, highlighting the Holy Father's effort to build bridges between Catholics and non-Catholics.

"The rally is a call not only to Catholics but (also) to Muslims, Buddhists, Christians of all sects, and to people of all religions," said Fr. James Reuter, executive secretary of the Catholic Bishops Conference of the Philippines' National Office of Mass Media.

"This rally will concentrate not only on any specific religion, but on the deepest of all human values—life. It is a group expression of the Filipinos' love for John Paul II."

Around 20 Muslim leaders have been invited to share testimonials about the Pontiff.

"We will talk about the goodness of the Pope and how he had worked to establish harmony between Muslims and 'hristians," said Taha Basman, president 'the Philippine Islamic Council.

Four giant video screens will be set up at the grandstand, projecting images of the Pope's burial at the Vatican at around 4 p.m. (Manila time). A photograph of the Pope will serve as backdrop for the stage and the altar,

Manila Archbishop Gaudencio Rosales will officiate the Mass at around 6 p.m., following the completion of the funeral rites at the Vatican.

Catholic bishops and pro-life advocates led by Manila Mayor Lito Atienza will also take the occasion to rally people against efforts to popularize artificial family planning, through contraceptives and abortifacients.

Pro-life rally

Atienza and El Shaddai leader Bro. Mike Velarde will lead a pro-life rally at around 2 p.m.

"John Paul's principal campaign, through the years of his life, was for the gospel of life against the culture of death," Reuter said.

"The bishops believe that the finest way we can show our love for John Paul is to live by the beautiful doctrines that he has taught us: the sacredness of marriage, the family as the church of the home, love for children, and reverence for life."

The attitude is "extremely relevant at the moment when the culture of death is stalking the Philippines, backed by foreign money," he said.

Reuter was referring to the government's Ligtas Buntis program and House Bill No. 3773 or the Responsible Parenthood and Population Management Act of 2005, two efforts suspected of getting foreign funding.

Groups belonging to the Manila contingent will assemble along Arroceros Street beside City Hall at around 3 p.m. They will be comprised city employees, barangay officials, students from public and private schools, and business leaders.

They will carry streamers and some 200 photographs of the Pope while praying the Rosary in a candlelight procession leading to the Quirino Grandstand.

Chief Supt. Pedro Bulaong, Western Police District (WPD) director, said his men have been placed on full alert to guard against possible infiltrators.

He said the number of participants could reach more than a million, noting that the "Pope was very charismatic and well-loved by Filipinos."

Lawmakers' tribute

Most of the WPD policemen are guarding the Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU) conference. Bulaong said augmentation units would be deployed for today's gathering at the Quirino Grandstand.

A Polish parliament member attending the IPU meet yesterday paid tribute to the Pope, saying her country would sorely miss "one of the greatest sons the Polish nation has ever had."

The Pope made Poland proud by working for peace for other people, said Grazyna Paturalska in brief remarks before delivering her speech at the IPU general assembly on the impact of domestic and international policies on the situation of women.

With reports from Tina G. Santos and TJ Burgonio

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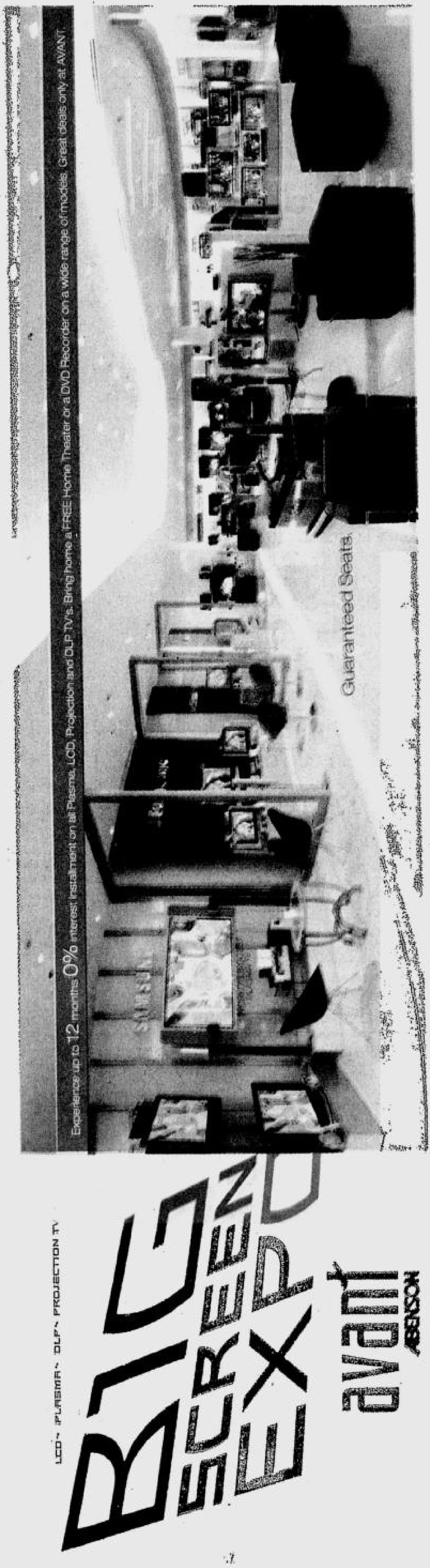

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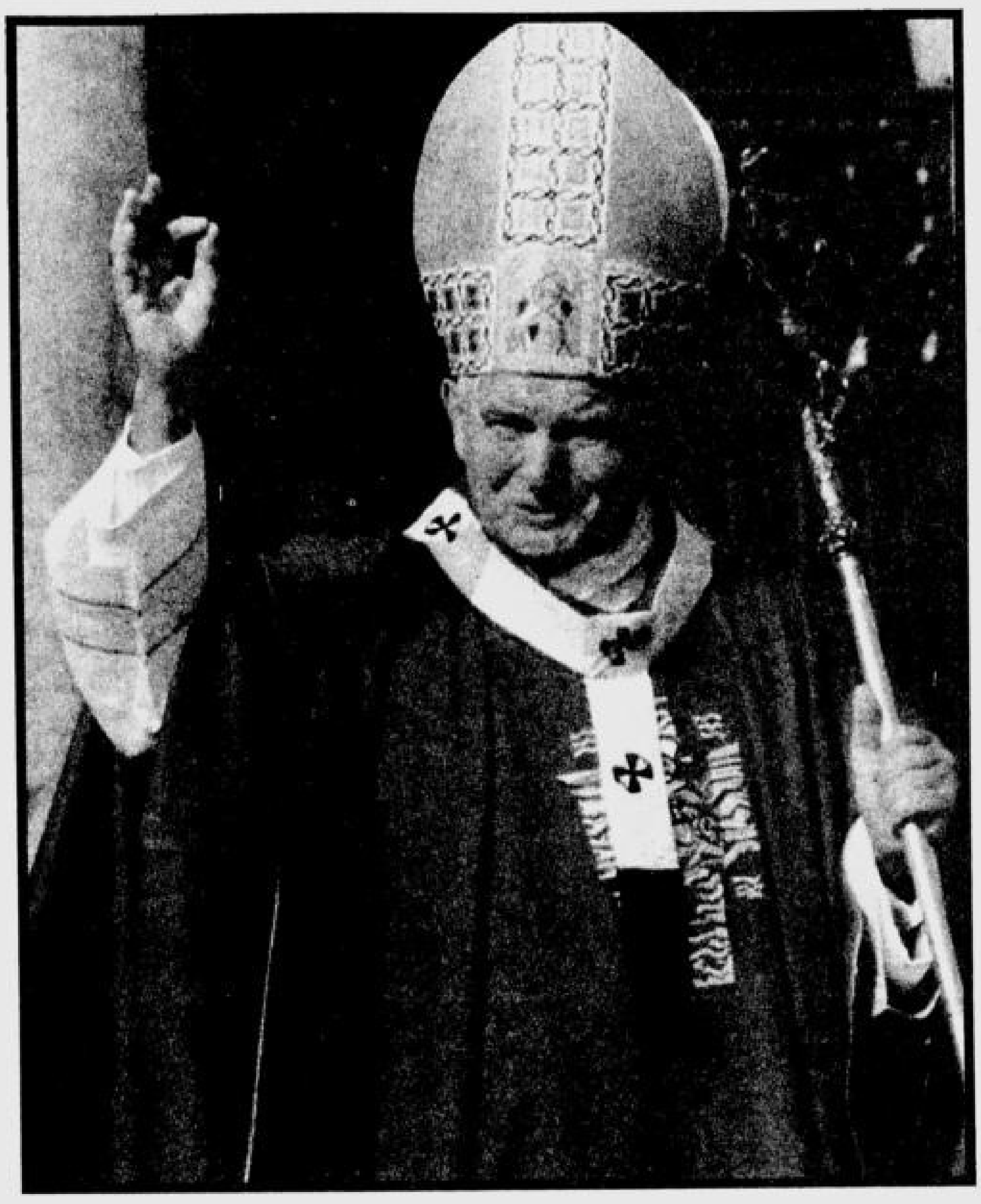

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Pope's Turkish assassin wants to attend funeral, too

ISTANBUL—Turkish authorities have rejected a request by Mehmet Ali Agca, the Turk who attempted to assassinate Pope John Paul II in 1981, to briefly leave jail to attend the Pontiff's funeral, his lawyer said Thursday.

Mustafa Demirbag said the justice ministry had informed him verbally of the decision, and he expected to receive the formal reply later in the day.

Agca's brother, Adnan, may attend the funeral, Demirbag said. Adnan Agca was not immediately available for comment.

Mehmet Ali Agca, 47, said in a written statement Monday that he was mourning the death of John Paul, whom he described as a "spiritual brother."

He was a 23-year-old far-right militant on the run from the Turkish police when he opened fire on the Pope at St. Peter's Square in 1981 as the Pontiff headed for an audience in an open vehicle.

John Paul was seriously wounded in the abdomen and Agca spent the next 19 years in Italian prisons.

The Pope visited Agca in jail and forgave him for the assassination attempt, while Agca claimed that the attack was part of a divine plan.

Many see Agca as a deranged person, while others believe he is a sly operator playing the madman.

He has given contradictory statements on his role in the attack, frequently changing his version and forcing investigators to open dozens of inquiries. *AFP*

For Speaker's wife, Vatican trip is a time for healing

By Nikko Dizon

"I KNOW the Pope will help me heal."

Gina de Venecia said those words with a smile Wednesday night, but the sadness in her eyes still mirrored the pain of losing a child.

Gina and her husband, Speaker Jose de Venecia, led a charmed life until that night last December when a fire in their Dasmariñas Village mansion took the life of their youngest child, KC.

By some coincidence, the Philippine delegation to Pope John Paul II's funeral left Manila for Rome on KC's birthday. She would have turned 17.

Gina said she would stay in Rome after the Pope's funeral to visit some famous Catholic churches, such as the Basilica of St. Francis of Assisi.

She said she would request Gregorian chants, some of which honor the memory of the dead, to be sung for KC.

"Hopefully after this trip, I would be healed of the pain of losing my daughter," she said.

Gina said President Macapagal-Arroyo had personally invited her to join the official Philippine delegation to the Vatican.

"It is a privilege to be able to attend the funeral of the Pope," she said, but added that she paid for her airfare.

According to Gina, the Pope supported her advocacy for the protection of women and children.

The Congressional Spouses Foundation Inc., which she heads, established the centers for victims of abuse, the Haven National Center for Women and Haven for Children.

Gina also said that in 1997, then President Fidel Ramos chose her and former President Corazon Aquino to represent the Philippines when Mother Teresa of Calcutta was laid to rest.

Cyberspace condolences cap . . .

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As of midday Wednesday, more than 630,000 people had posted messages on Poland's biggest Internet portal, www.onet.pl, with new messages being added at the rate of about 20 a minute. Dozens of people have posted photographs of themselves posing with the Pope on the website.

Thought of the day

Mobile phone text messaging also came into its own under John Paul II, whose "Thought of the Day" series—actually brief selections from his speeches and homilies—was launched two years ago.

The spiritual messages were still being sent out after his death on Saturday—also the subject of text messages to the media—with just a one-day pause of mourning on Sunday.

Wednesday's edition read: "The example of the Virgin Mary feeds in the heart of Christians a ready willingness to accomplish the will of the Lord."

The late Pope's messages will continue to be sent until his successor is elected in a cardinals' conclave set to begin on April 18.

Text messages

Text messaging was a boon for Catholic youth groups urging people to attend the series of vigils held in St. Peter's Square on the evenings leading up to John Paul II's death.

And on Wednesday, Italian authorities transmitted millions of text messages to mourners swarming to the Vatican, saying: "If you are coming to Rome to pay homage to the Pope, use public transport. Prepare for organized but very long queues. Hot during the day. Chilly at night."

No Pope before John Paul II, whose papacy began in 1978, had such a range of media at his disposal, or the ability to connect so instantaneously with the public, and he exploited them to the fullest.

The "people's Pope" famously tapped the power of the media after the attempt on his life on May 13, 1981.

That Sunday, four days after the shooting in St. Peter's Square, John Paul II performed the Angelus from a window at Gemelli hospital, offering words of forgiveness to his Turkish would-be assassin Ali Agca, addressing him as a "brother."

Use media to win hearts

From the start of his papacy, John Paul II has encouraged the Church to use the media to win hearts and minds, and his enormous star power with the Catholic youth has clearly been bolstered by his willingness to stay in step with modern technology.

The Vatican was quick to embrace the Internet, launching its elegant, multi-lingual website at www.vatican.va in December 1995 with a papal Christmas message.

On World Communication Day in 2002, the Pope wrote: "We should enter this increasingly sophisticated communications network with realism and confidence. If it is used competently and responsibly, it could offer an opportunity for spreading the evangelical word."

He said: "For the Church the new world of cyberspace is a summons to the great adventure of using its potential to proclaim the gospel message." *AFP*

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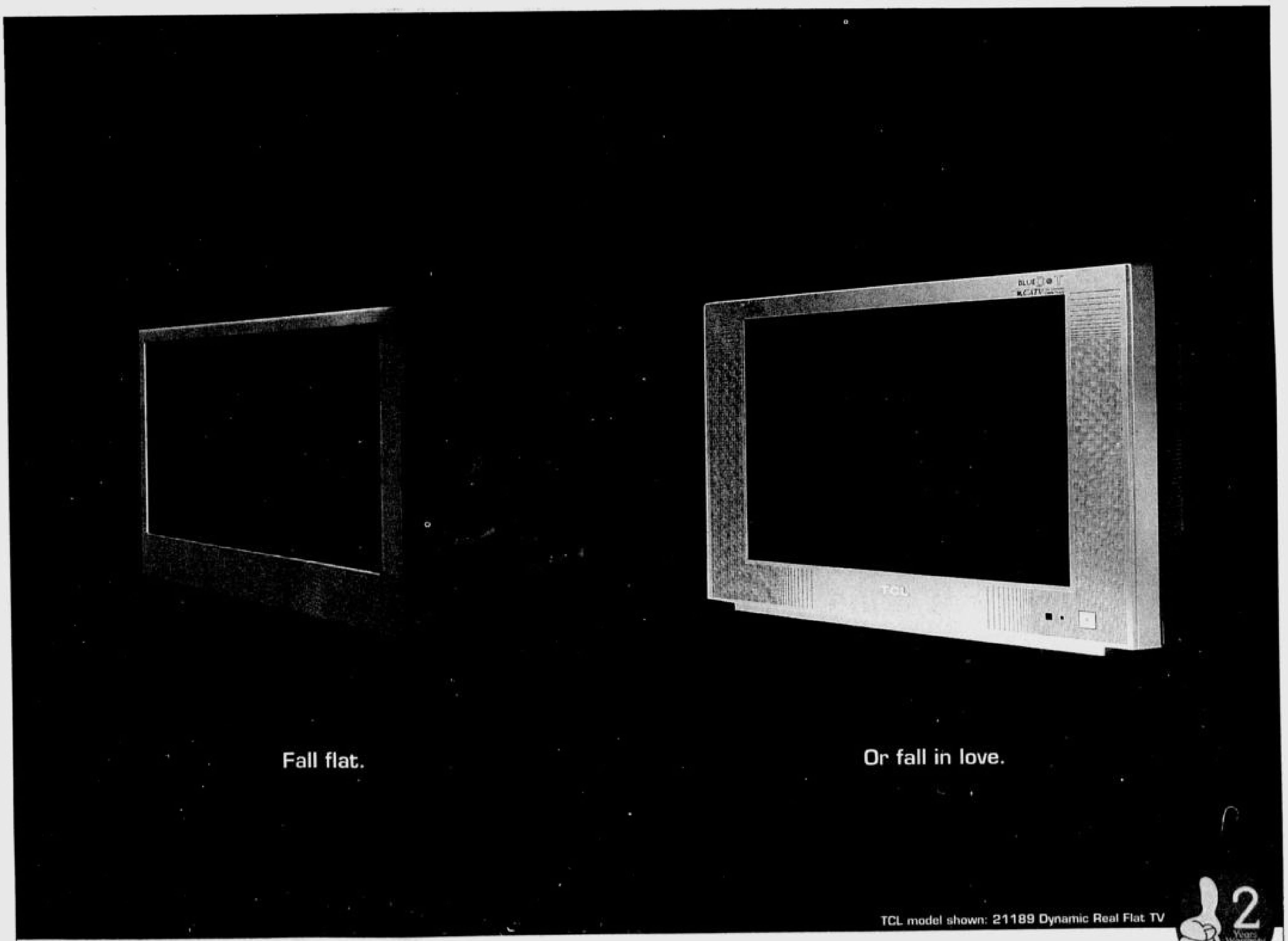

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History's biggest funeral

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selves with the Pope," he said. "They have seen how the Holy Father promoted the dignity of life and the dignity of labor. They always bear those lessons in mind as they go about doing back-breaking menial tasks."

42 Filipino priests

Some 500 Filipino priests and religious are also in Rome to assist in the funeral preparations, Santos said. Forty-two Filipino clerics, including Cebu Cardinal Ricardo Vidal and himself, will concelebrate the open-air funeral Mass with Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger, the most senior of the cardinals, at St. Peter's Square.

Other Filipino prelates who will concelebrate the Mass that will start at 10 a.m. are Archbishop Paciano Aniceto of San Fernando, Pampanga, Auxiliary Bishop Bernard Cortez of Manila, and Auxiliary Bishop Oscar Solis of Los Angeles, USA.

Security clampdown

Rome has gone into security clampdown. Its second airport, Ciampino, was closed to commercial flights from 10 a.m. Thursday until midnight Friday, and private planes were barred from flying over the city.

Police said motor vehicles would be banned throughout Rome all day Friday. More than 10,000 police, military and paramilitary officers, including hundreds of sharpshooters, are being deployed.

Italian Interior Minister Beppe Pisanu said the security operations surrounding the Pope's funeral had "no precedents in history."

"The city is reacting in an extraordinary manner, facilitated by the great composure and civic attitude of the pilgrims," Pisanu told reporters.

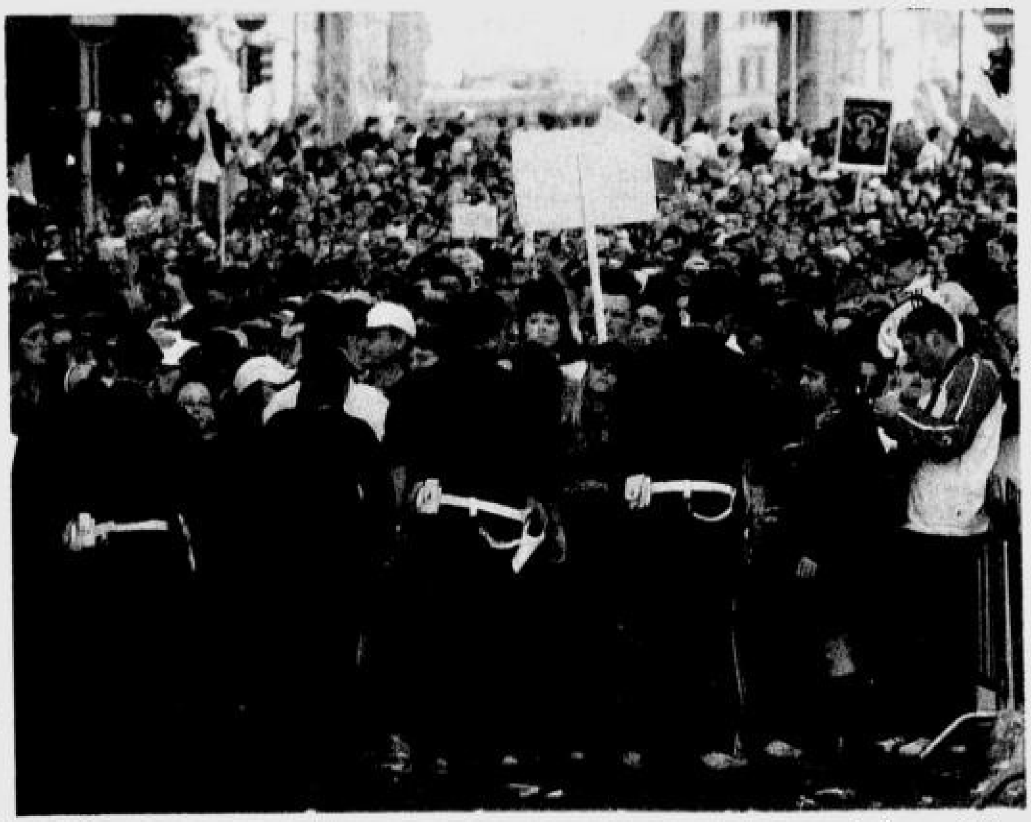
Asked whether he was worried by the situation, the minister said: "I think the Pope will continue to give us a helping hand."

Rome's top official, prefect Achille Serra, admitted that authorities were unprepared for the millions of visitors who flooded into the city after the Pope's body was put on display on Monday, two days after his death.

"We really could not imagine that four million people would come," he told Italy's Ansa news agency. "A great pope has died and he brought a multitude to Rome."

Serra insisted that authorities had the "unprecedented" situation under control.

Public offices and schools are to be closed Friday "to guarantee security and avoid a day of complete confusion," he said, but added: "This does not mean Rome is in a state of emergency."



POLICEMEN try their best despite the nearly impossible strain on Rome's crowd control efforts to hold back an ocean of pilgrims heading toward St. Peter's Square.

REUTERS

Emotional moment

Santos said the Pope's death was an "emotional" moment for many Filipinos in Italy.

"Personally," he said, "I feel as if I had lost a father. I saw him as a real shepherd who really loved his children. He gave special attention to the needs of Filipinos."

Jean-Herve Foulon, a 40-year-old professor of French medieval history, said he and his wife and two of their children had spent 15 hours traveling to Rome and another six waiting in line.

"We wanted to pay homage to a man who was a saint. I think that's John Paul II's first miracle," he said, gesturing to the crowds.

But the human tide that engulfed the Vatican earlier this week had subsided by Thursday morning, after police cut off the lines of pilgrims waiting to view the body shortly before midnight.

One police officer on duty outside St. Peter's said "everything was totally blocked last night, but since the crowd has gone down a lot we are allowing small groups in the morning."

He admitted that preference was being given to pilgrims from the Pope's native Poland.

Bartosz Bzosua, a 30-year-old telecommunications manager from the Polish port city of Gdansk, said he had queued for just 20 minutes, while people standing next to him had been there for 11 hours.

"We are representing our families, our co-workers and our friends who have to work," said Bzosua, who traveled with 18 others for 23 hours to reach Rome.

Multimedia funeral

The papal funeral promises to be a media event. But it would not be the first time such a ceremony would be broadcast.

TV has been covering papal burials since Pius XII in 1958, according to Fr. Jerry Stookey, a deputy to the master general of the Dominican order, which supplies theologians to the papal household.

Stookey said the deaths of John XXIII, Paul VI and even John Paul I, who was Pope for only 33 days, were media events. "I remember that a bible lay open on top of the coffin of Paul VI," he said.

But it is true that John Paul II's funeral promises to be the most captured event in history owing to the multimedia, he added.

The ubiquity of the funeral because of the round-the-clock media coverage appears to run counter to the papacy's predisposition for privacy, and even secrecy. Paradoxically for a Pope who basked in the glare of the media, John Paul II, in Universi Dominici Gregis, the 1996 apostolic constitution that prescribes the funeral rites for a deceased Pontiff and the rules of succession, banned the media from a pope's deathbed.

"No one is permitted to use any means whatsoever in order to photograph or film the Supreme Pontiff either on his sickbed or after death, or to record his words for subsequent reproduction," the document says.

"If after the Pope's death anyone should wish to take photographs of him for documentary purposes, he must ask permission from the Cardinal Camerlengo of the Holy Roman Church, who will however not permit the taking of photographs of the Supreme Pontiff except attired in pontifical vestments," it adds.

The funeral rites, which began last Sunday and will be conducted by the cardinals for nine consecutive days, will be in accordance with the Ordo Exsequirarum Romani Pontificis and the Ordo Rituum Conclavis.

According to Santos, the Pope's remains will be placed in an oaken casket, which will in turn be put in a lead casket. There will then be a funeral march to the grotto, where the body will be buried in the former tomb of Blessed John XXIII.

Papal firsts

What makes the funeral further unique is the attendance of some 200 world leaders, including those who did not necessarily agree with the Pope, Stookey said. *(Story on Page A1)*

Stookey, an American, referred especially to the presence of US President George W. Bush, who, he said, was attending the funeral as "a protocol of respect for a great man."

Italian television showed Bush leading a delegation of US officials into St. Peter's and kneeling before the Pope's body.

"Even those who disagreed with the Pope acknowledge that he was a significant figure who deserved respect and love," Stookey said, adding that John Paul was a "Pope of breakthroughs." *With Inquirer wires*

Ex-Nicaragua head rues heckling of Pope in '83

MANAGUA, Nicaragua—Former Nicaraguan leader Daniel Ortega on Wednesday said he regretted a clash with Pope John Paul II who was heckled by leftist Sandinista supporters during a 1983 visit.

Ortega said the face-off between the Sandinistas and the Pope—who opposed guerrilla movements fighting dictatorships across Latin America—had not been intended.

"The truth is there was no intention of showing disrespect to the Pope. We did everything possible for his visit to be a success," said Ortega, who paid tribute to the Pope after his death on Saturday.

Ortega greeted the Pope on his first visit to Nicaragua with a long speech about US imperialism in the region.

Then, angered by the presence of two priests in the Marxist Sandinista government that overthrew the Somoza family dictatorship in 1979, John Paul II publicly wagged his finger at one of them.

That night, thousands of Sandinista supporters disrupted his open-air Mass in the capital Managua by shouting political slogans and demanding that he bless the revolution.

Shaking his pastoral staff, he ordered the Sandinistas to be quiet, but he was ignored by many in the crowd.

"There were no insults against his Holiness, there was not a word said that attacked his Holiness's office," Ortega told Reuters.

"Rather there were shouts of 'We want peace,' a clamoring that was general and understandable because of the war that was causing bloodshed in the country."

The Pope visited Nicaragua as Sandinista troops were fighting right-wing US-backed Contra rebels and with the Catholic Church across Latin America divided between backers of military rulers and leftist rebels.

Ortega said he apologized to the Pope at the time and again when he visited the Vatican five years later. *Reuters*

Last will says Pope thought of resigning

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time of the occupation when I worked as a laborer and later in the parish of Niegowi and that of the San Floriano parish in Krakow."

He thought back "to Krakow and Rome ... to the people who in a special way entrusted me to the Lord."

The Pope said he left the Church and the world in the hands of God.

"I thank everyone. I ask forgiveness from everyone," the Pope wrote.

In the will, the Pope indicated that early in his pontificate he considered the possibility of a funeral in Poland.

"I hope He (God) helps me understand until what moment I have to continue in this service to which he called me on Oct. 16, 1978," he said, referring to the date he was elected Pontiff.

That passage was written in the year 2000. The Pope firmly believed that his mission was to lead the Church into the new millennium.

By that time, the Pope's health had seriously declined and Parkinson's disease was taking a heavy toll.

The Pope said in the will that he was ready to die at any time. Death appeared to be ever present in his mind following a failed assassination attempt against him in 1981.

The will, which was mostly a spiritual testament, asked that all his personal notes be burned.

In the last section of the will, which was written in Polish, the Pope thanked the Roman Catholic Church, other religions, particularly the Jews, as well as artists, scientists and politicians for their support during his pontificate.

In the will, the Pope said he wanted to be buried "in the earth, not in a tomb."

In a section of the will written on March 5, 1982, nearly a year after the assassination bid, he made a reference to his

"place of funeral."

In that section he said he wanted the College of Cardinals to "satisfy as far as possible" the desires of the cardinal of Krakow and the entire Polish bishops' conference.

Two years later, he specified in another entry that the College of Cardinals was no longer obliged to ask the Polish bishops for their view on his funeral.

The pope left no personal property, but asked for all his notes to be burned.

"I leave no property that needs to be disposed of," the Pontiff wrote. "As for my objects of daily use, I ask that they be distributed as appropriate."

"May my personal notes be burned," said the Pope, asking that his personal secretary, Cardinal Stanislaw Dziwisz, burn the notes, and thanking him "for his longstanding help and cooperation that was so understanding over the years."

Aside from Dziwisz, John Paul also singled out "the rabbi of Rome"—a reference to the former chief rabbi of Rome, Elio Toaff, who had hosted the Pontiff's historic visit to Rome's central synagogue in 1986.

It was the first time a pope had ever visited a synagogue. Toaff paid his respects before John Paul's body on Monday, raising his arm in a gesture of tribute.

AFP, Reuters, AP

Media gag on cardinals lifted …

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lowed to speak of the late Pontiff, of the future of the Church, but not of his possible successor or of internal divisions, the daily said.

Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger of Germany, who is seen as a possible successor to the Polish-born Pontiff, had tried to ban any communication with the 3,500 journalists accredited by the Vatican since John Paul II died Saturday.

But some cardinals said they had already promised up to 10 interviews to journalists, the newspaper reported.

Prelates arriving from across the world have given brief statements to journalists at Rome's Fiumicino airport, mostly praising the 26-year pontificate of John Paul II who died Saturday.

Cardinal Dionigi Tettamanzi, the archbishop of Milan who is considered a leading candidate to succeed John Paul II, coyly told reporters: "You have your work cut out for you!" before he went into the cardinals' fifth general meeting.

The clergymen are barred from speaking publicly of the selection process and are bound to utmost secrecy during the conclave in which cardinals under the age of 80 will be sequestered in the Vatican until they elect the 264th successor of Saint Peter.

The Vatican announced Wednesday that the conclave would start on April 18.

The severest of punishments await anyone who breaks the sacred oath of secrecy during a conclave.

Penalties

Pope John Paul II set out the penalties in a 1996 document "Universi Dominici Gregis," or "Shepherd of the Lord's Whole Flock," giving the cardinals who will choose his successor a set of detailed guidelines to ensure the centuries-old process of electing a pope is safe in an age of media leaks and cellular phones.

In it, John Paul II called for a clean sweep by "trustworthy" technicians of the Sistine Chapel and adjoining rooms to prevent bugs and other audiovisual equipment from being installed. He banned telephones.

But with 3,500 accredited journalists roaming Vatican City and a world desperate to learn of the cardinals' deliberations, many are wondering if news of a new pope will get out before the white smoke leaves the Sistine Chapel's chimney.

"They've assured us there are ways to block all communications and conversations," Chicago Cardinal Francis George told reporters on Wednesday. "They're taking precautions to prevent outside interference ... No cell phones, no laptops, nothing."

Near-monastic

Indeed, John Paul II's guidelines call for a near-monastic existence for the 117 cardinals who will vote in the conclave—no newspapers, magazines, radio or TV. For the duration of the vote, they can't communicate with anyone—in person, by phone or letter—who hasn't been vetted by the Vatican and taken an oath of secrecy.

"Should any infraction whatsoever of this norm occur and be discovered, those responsible should know that they will be subject to grave penalties according to the judgment of the future pope," the document says.

Excommunication is one option, particularly for the handful of people who aren't cardinals who will have access to the red-hatted "princes of the Church." They include regular priests who hear confessions, two medical doctors on call in case of emergency and staff who will serve meals and clean up after the cardinals.

Collegiality

The gathering to select the next pope could struggle over a simple, but highly provocative, point: How much control should the Vatican hold over bishops and other Church leaders on serving the faithful around the world?

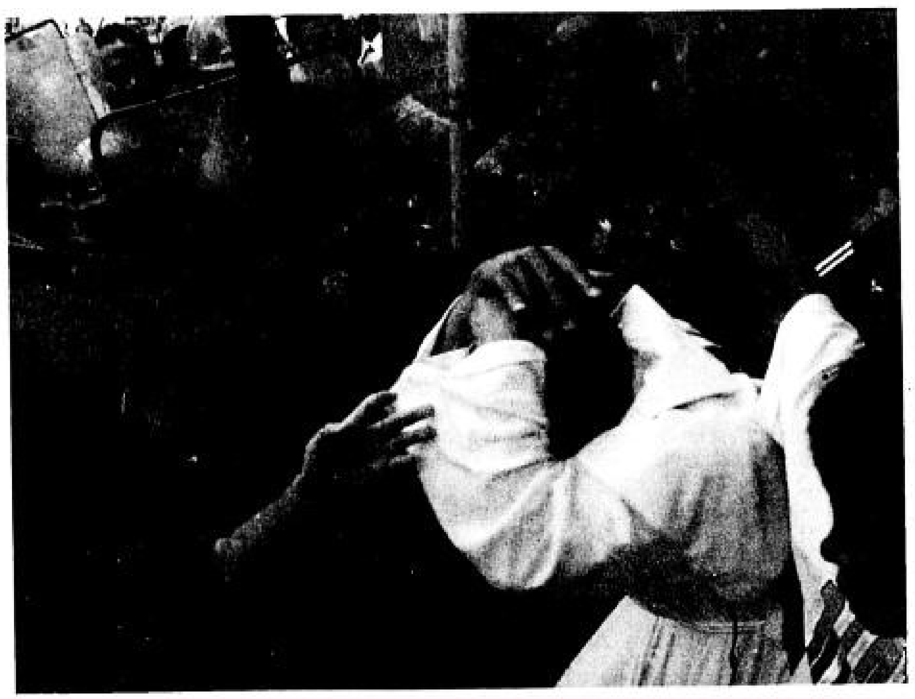
Within religious circles, it's known by a peculiar word that's unfamiliar to many Roman Catholics—"collegiality."

But its significance—essentially more democracy in the Church—may soon become well known as it weighs on the cardinals approaching the opening of the April 18 conclave. It also stirs some of the most passionate criticism of Pope John Paul II amid the outpouring of tributes and tears. *Reports from AFP and AP*

HOTTEST spot in the world this weekend is the Vatican where an aerial view shows the longest line of people winding around the Vatican to view the remains of Pope John Paul II.

REUTERS

Activists, cops clash in rally; 13 hurt



AN UNIDENTIFIED man in a cassock tries to shield himself from a policeman's truncheon during a clash yesterday outside the Our Lady of Remedies Parish Church in Malate, Manila. Dozens of demonstrators were protesting the recent spate of killings of activists and journalists.

JOSEPH AGCAOILI

ACTIVISTS protesting alleged political repression clashed with police yesterday after being prevented from airing their views at a meeting of world parliamentarians, leaving at least 13 people injured.

Carrying placards reading "Defend Civil Liberties" and "Stop Killing Journalists," hundreds of protesters tried to push their way toward the Philippine International Convention Center, where a conference of the Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU) was in progress, but were repelled by riot police. The rally was called to protest a spate of killings of activists and journalists in the country.

After regrouping at Rajah Sulayman plaza, the rallyists entered the yard of the Our Lady of Remedies Church in Malate, prompting baton-wielding police to force them out. Police said the protesters failed to get a permit for the rally.

At least two priests, including one who was hit by a police baton and whose face was bloodied, were seen yanked away by police and put into a van as other protesters tried unsuccessfully to pull them away from the officers.

Police said charges of resisting arrest, obstruction and rallying without a permit would be filed against Fr. Allan Jose Arcebuche, OSM, assistant parish priest of the Our Lady of the Abandoned Parish in Sta. Ana, Manila; church layman Edwin Egar, and Carmelite seminarian Benedicto Zaragosa, according to Western Police District General Assignments Section chief Arturo Paglinawan.

Paglinawan said a scuffle ensued, resulting in the injury of at least two policemen and 11 militants.

But Zaragosa said that they were within the vicinity of the church when police arrested them.

"We were just holding streamers peacefully," he told reporters, adding that they were rallying against political repression and violence against members of the clergy.

Bayan Muna party-list Rep. Teddy Casino said Arcebuche, head of the militant group Promotion for Church People's Response, which had been tagged by the military as a communist front, was manhandled while trying to protect other activists seeking refuge inside the church.

"They are suppressing the voices of the people. They are preventing us from rallying," said Renato Reyes, secretary general of the militant group Bayan. "That is not democracy, that is political repression."

Reyes accused police of arresting the priests and allegedly assaulting several nuns who joined the protest.

Police had been on heightened alert to protect hundreds of legislators attending the six-day IPU convention nearby, which ends today.

WPD Director Chief Supt. Pedro Bulaong, however, maintained that the arrested churchmen had violently resisted the police.

"We have footage that they actually grabbed police shields and hit some of our men with these," he said.

Countered Casino: "It was overkill. It blatantly showed that the present administration does not tolerate even peaceful and legitimate assembly and demonstrations."

He added that the dispersal was unprovoked and was "a mockery of the Philippines hosting the 112th IPU Assembly where civil, political and human rights are major concerns."

AP, Margaux C. Ortiz and Philip C. Tubeza

Gambling banned in San Juan

By Edson C. Tandoc Jr.

SORRY, but operators of casinos, slot machines and Internet gambling will not be allowed to set up shop in San Juan.

"We want to make our town gambling-free," said Mayor JV Ejercito.

"Unlike other cities, we will not issue business permits to casinos or slot machine arcades," Ejercito, son of deposed President Joseph Estrada, told the INQUIRER.

He said many residents in the town were strongly against any form of gambling.

This week, the municipal council approved a resolution to nullify business permits issued to at least two gaming companies.

No permits

A resolution sponsored by Councilor Clemente Bargas, and later revived by Councilor Domingo Sese, revoked the permits issued to the Sports, Games and Entertainment Corp. and Casino Filipino.

"We fought for this resolution to sustain our fight against gambling," Sese said in a phone interview.

The resolution was deferred several times and became the subject of heated debates among the councilors.

Ejercito said the Philippine Amusement and Gaming Corp. had already furnished a building for an e-casino in San Juan. "But we told them we cannot give them a permit," the mayor added.

Short lease given to park advocates

By Blanche S. Rivera

THE DEPARTMENT of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) yesterday urged the city of Manila to halt the mobilization of construction equipment in the contested Arroceros Forest Park pending the issuance of an Environmental Compliance Certificate (ECC) to the local government.

DENR-National Capital Region director Corazon Davis said the entry of construction materials and equipment in the park sent the wrong signals to environmental groups opposed to the building of headquarters for teachers, and had triggered speculations.

"We instructed Manila not to mobilize until there is an ECC because it gave the wrong signal. It was an indication that the project was pushing through without a permit," she said.

Manila needs an ECC from the Laguna Lake Development Authority to be able to proceed with the project. The LLDA, and not the DENR-National Capital Region, has authority over the project because the park is part of the Laguna watershed.

Davis said the DENR could only "advise" the Manila city government. It is the DENR, however, that would submit a report with the results of the dialogue and recommended plans of action to the LLDA.

The DENR has stepped into the row between the Manila Division of City Schools (Manila DCS) and Winner Foundation in an attempt to find common grounds on the Arroceros Park issue.

The DENR-NCR hosted a dialogue between the two groups yesterday, the first since the issue caught public attention. What set out to be a dialogue, however, turned into a heated debate, with teachers and lawyers of the Manila government junking Winner's suggestion to find an alternative place to put up the teachers' administration building. "The DepEd-Manila is the owner of the park. We do not agree with your request to pull out the construction materials," Manila DCS Supt. Luisa Quiñones said.

She maintained that the construction of the teachers' building would not require the felling of trees in the 2.1-hectare property, which was bought by the Manila government from Landbank for P65 million during the administration of former President Fidel Ramos.

Davis said there was nothing in the deed of sale that prohibited the building of a structure, but Winner insisted the property was sold to the city government with the intent of making it an open-air school and camping area.

Speakers bureau boosts Napolcom anticrime drive

By Tarra V. Quismundo

A REINFORCED campaign against crime.

The National Police Commission (Napolcom) announced that it has bolstered its roster of trainers and speakers for its crime prevention trainings and seminars in Metro Manila.

As the organizing agency for the annual National Crime Prevention Week (NCPW) in September, the Napolcom has brought together 30 anticrime experts from different government agencies and nongovernment organizations (NGOs) to beef up its pool of resource persons.

Not readily available

"We already have speakers from the NCPW technical working committee, but they are not readily available whenever barangays request us to hold seminars for them. That's why we decided to get seasoned speakers to help us," said Josephmar Gil, Napolcom public information office chief.

Jointly called the Napolcom Speakers Bureau of Crime Prevention, the new recruits come from the education and interior departments, the Philippine National Police, Philippine Public Safety College, Philippine Information Agency, and NGOs such as the Foundation for Crime Prevention, Federation of PNP-Accredited NGOs, Prime Movers, Bantay Bayan Foundation, and Confederation of Community Oriented Policing System.

"Our present crop of anticrime crusaders are seasoned lecturers and trainers who were still made to undergo training or a refresher course to make sure that they are equipped with the latest techniques in social marketing via information-education-communication campaigns," said Imelda Roces, Napolcom vice-chair and executive officer.

Preparation for NCPW

Starting this July, the speakers bureau would go around the capital region's crime-prone communities, including barangays in Manila's Tondo district, Payatas in Quezon City, and some parts of Pasig, said Gil. The lectures will culminate in the celebration of the 11th NCPW.

Among the topics they are set to tackle are the criminal justice system, including the role of law enforcement agencies, the courts and the correctional facilities, the drug problem, and the importance of community involvement in crime prevention.

Napolcom's community crime prevention seminar program is a continuing anticrime project of the agency.

It has taken its lecturers around Metro Manila on talks in crime-prone barangays.

The agency decided to step up the program after receiving lecture requests from schools, local governments, barangays and NGOs.

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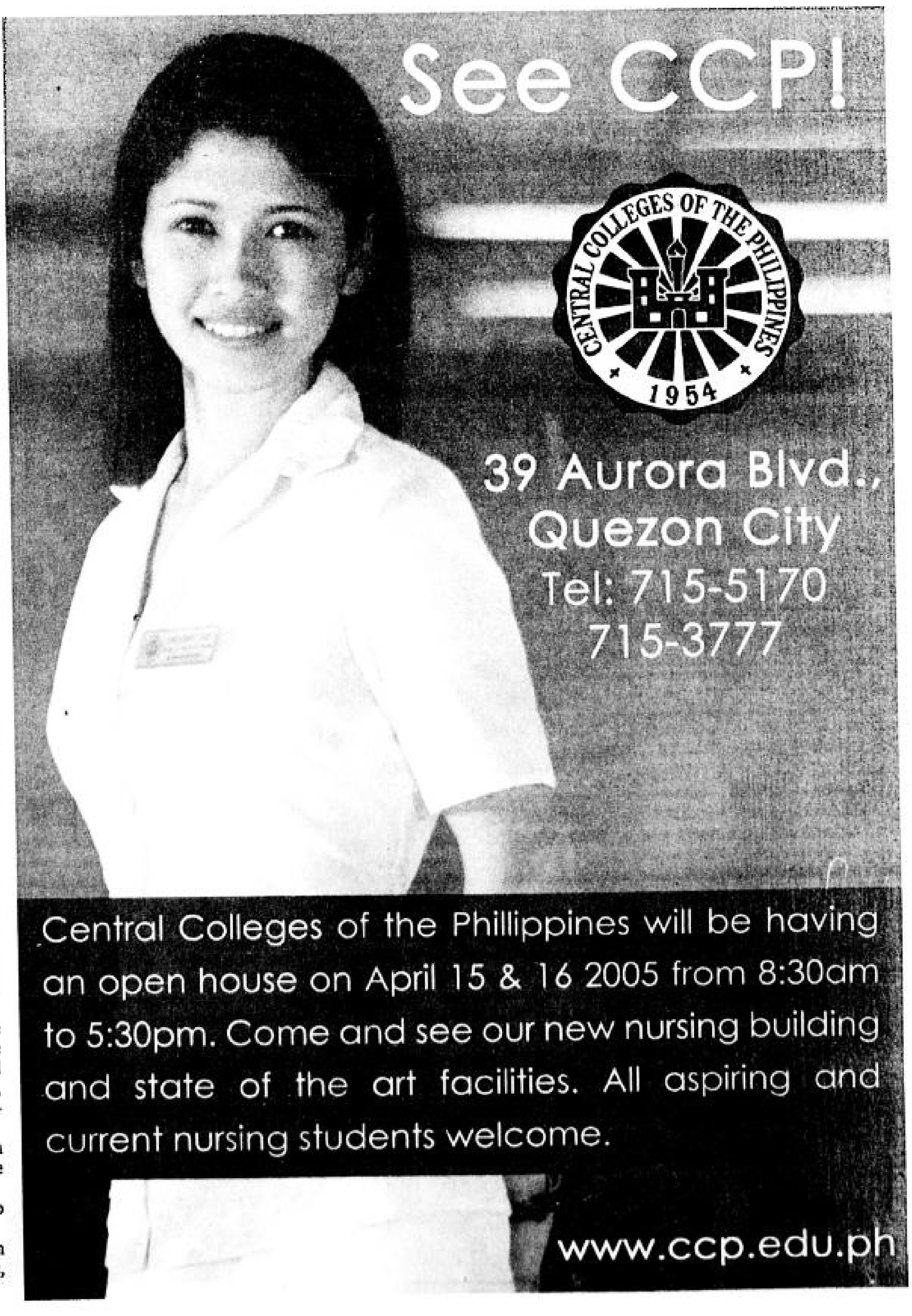

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From street children to street families

STREET dwellers now include entire families. PDI PHOTO

By Cynthia C. Balana

ANTIPOLO, Rizal—The problem of street children in Metro Manila has turned into a social nightmare with more and more poor families now invading the streets in order to survive.

"From the problem of street children, we now have the problem of street families who look at the streets as a lucrative venue for livelihood," said Nancy Roman, head of the street children unit of the Department of Social Welfare and Development-National Capital Region (DSWD-NCR).

Roman is supervising 800 to 1,000 rescued street children now attending a two-week summer camp for lessons on basic survival, character-building through positive values, and community involvement.

The annual summer camp, now on its third year, opened yesterday and will end on April 20. It is organized by representatives from various government agencies led by the DSWD.

Roman said the belief that street children were being used by syndicates to beg or sell in the streets had no factual basis.

"That is definitely not true. There is no syndicate running the operation of these street children. The concept that there are syndicates is being sensationalized by media, but as social workers, we immerse in the streets and we deal with factual data," Roman told the INQUIRER.

Roman said parents were the ones sending their children to the streets to beg for their daily sustenance.

"Parents are the first to exploit their children," she said.

"*Bibihisan ng nakakaawa para mas malaki ang iuuwi ng bata* (Parents make their children look pitiful so that they would make more money). They are thriving on people's emotions," Roman added.

She explained that parents had seen their children earning more than them from begging.

A persistent problem

Roman admitted that unless poverty was eradicated, the problem of street families in the Philippines would persist.

Pat Luna, chief of DSWD-NCR operations division, said the annual summer camp was an interagency initiative to address the increasing number of children in the streets.

The participants, aged 7 to 17, were rescued from the streets then processed by local governments before they were brought to the camping site for rehabilitation.

They come from all of Metro Manila's towns and cities—except Manila and Pasay, the local governments of which were conducting separate activities for them.

Luna said a comprehensive package of services for the participants included vocational and skills training, basic literacy and numeracy, homelife and medical services, character building activities, environmental and adolescent education, and sports training.

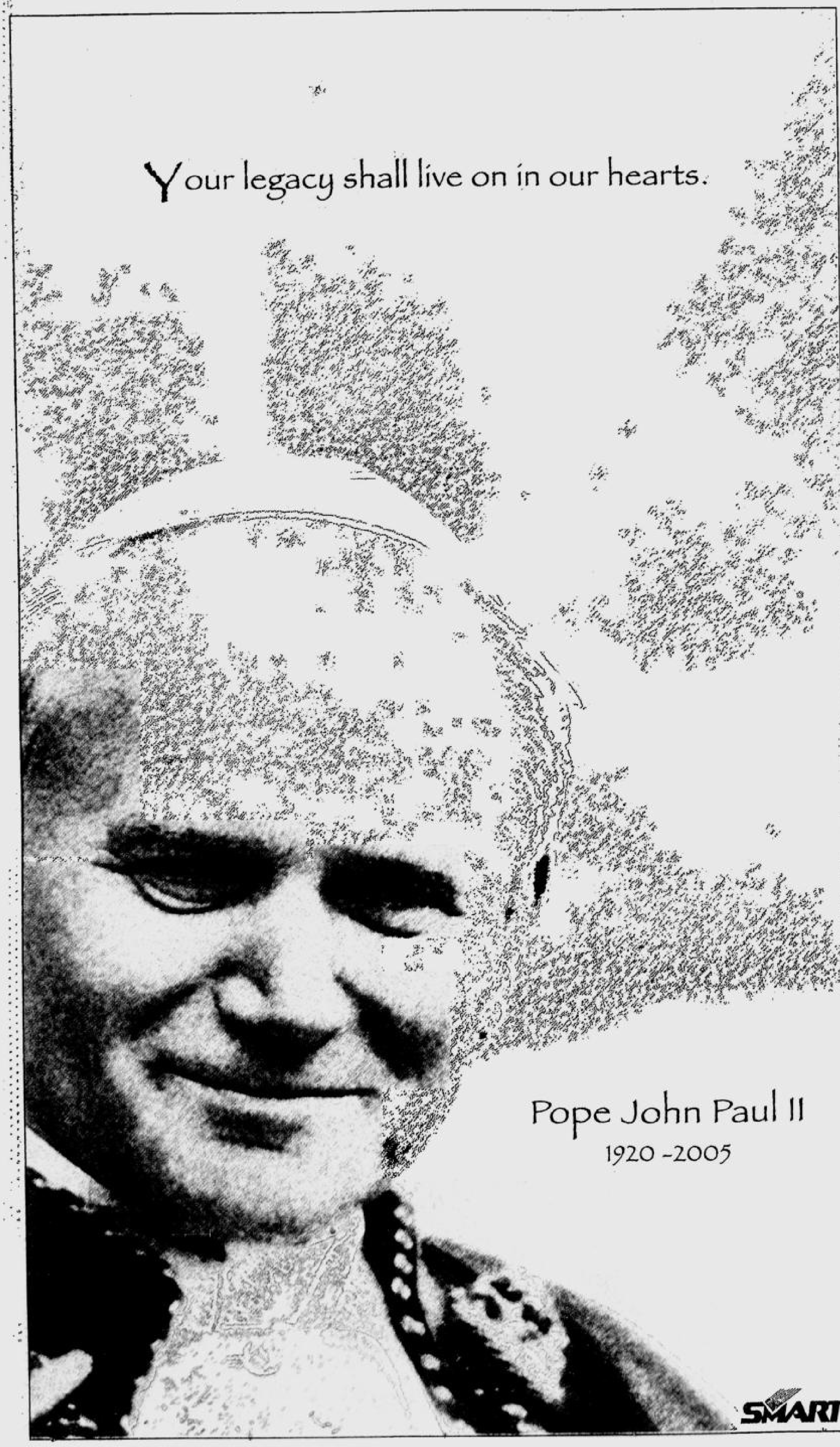
Parenting enrichment

Their families, on the other hand, will be involved in parenting enrichment and values formation sessions and then given livelihood opportunities and other support services to prevent family disintegration.

"The ultimate goal of the summer camp is to reintegrate a neglected street child into his family and to place abandoned children in a residential facility while looking for a foster family," Luna said.

The government agencies that composed the technical working group include the Population Commission, Department of Education, National Youth Center, Department of Public Works and Highways, and Department of Health, as well as the Boy Scouts of the Philippines and the Girl Scouts of the Philippines.

The Philippine National Police provided round-the-clock security for the children for the duration of the camp.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Non-Lakas members join Caloocan fray

By Nancy C. Carvajal

IT'S NO longer just between members of the Lakas-Christian Muslim Democrats (Lakas-CMD) in Caloocan City.

Councilor Henry Cammayo said local legislators from the Kilusan ng Nagkakaisang Pilipino (KNP) were already seeking a temporary restraining order (TRO) against any appointments to the position left vacant by the death of Councilor Eduardo Rosca.

Rosca, a member of Lakas-CMD, died of cardiac arrest last February and not last year as earlier reported.

Cammayo claims to speak for Lakas members opposing the appointment of a son of former Mayor Rey Malonzo to the post.

"I have received a notice today informing me of the TRO," Cammayo said.

According to Cammayo, immediately after Rosca's death the City Council passed a resolution recommending the daughter of Rosca, Kristen Joy, to the vacated post.

Beaten to the draw

Cammayo said they felt bad that another political party beat them in filing a case against the appointment of Malonzo's son, Christopher, to the council.

"Had he consulted us first of his decision, this would not have happened," Cammayo said.

But in an interview with Malonzo, he said that the councilors were no longer consulted because they had renounced their loyalty to the party even before the death of Rosca.

Malonzo gave the INQUIRER a copy of a letter dated Jan. 28 and signed by seven councilors denouncing his leadership of the party's Caloocan chapter.

The letter said the councilors had already recognized Mayor Enrico Echiverri as the local party chair of Lakas.

But Malonzo retorted that was not possible because Echiverri ran under the Laban ng Demokratikong Pilipino in the last elections.

Malonzo said the letter was the councilors' response to his invitation to a party caucus for winning party members.

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Missing RP athletes leave trail of debts

By Musong R. Castillo

THE SIX national pencak silat athletes who did not return home from Paris left a trail of debris and anomalous loans that put the association in tatters while crippling the families of several national athletes.

Three enlisted personnel in the Armed Forces got last-minute loans from the AFPSLAI and other affiliated lending companies, with the help of fellow nationals who signed as co-makers.

An officer of the AFP-Philippine Olympic Committee liaison office, who spoke on condition of anonymity, was at the pencak silat gym yesterday and shared this information to the INQUIRER.

The source revealed that the three—Airmen second class Vivencio Dunguez and Larry Sarreal and Airwoman second class Alelei Hernandez—were able to secure loans amounting to P700,000 payable in five years.

Dunguez was able to make A2C Joseph Libres of weightlifting sign as his co-maker in a P250,000 loan, which Libres will have to pay, while Sarreal was also able to secure the same amount, with Marniel Dimla signing as co-maker.

The source said Dunguez has been in dire financial straits of late because of prior loans. Hernandez loaned P200,000.

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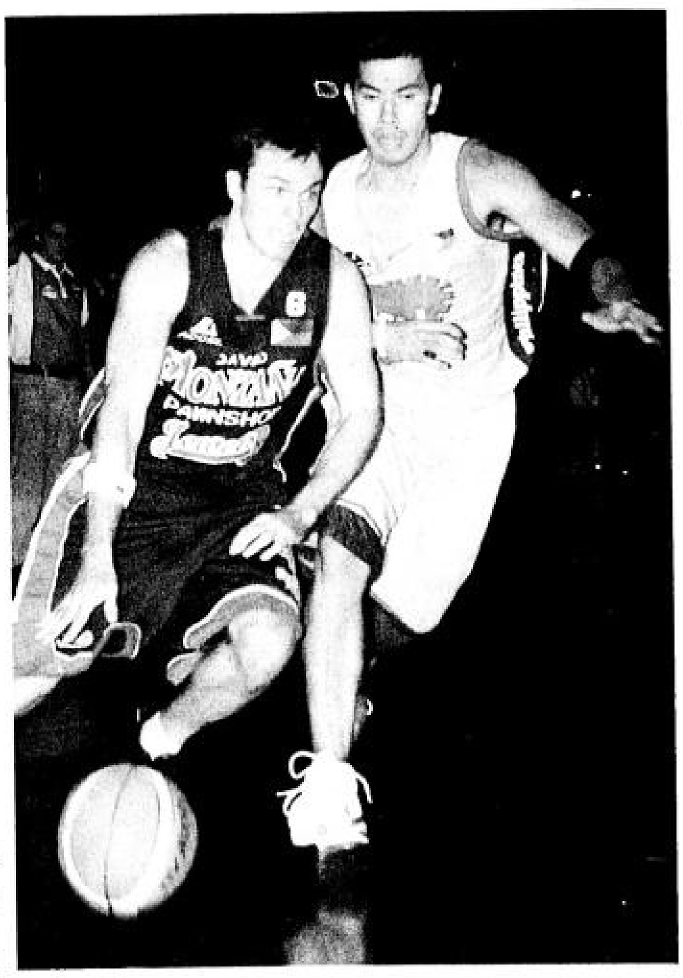


MONTAÑA triggerman Alex Compton drives past Arjun Cordero of Bacchus during their game yesterday at the Makati Coliseum. RYAN LIM

Montaña picks up 2nd victory

By Jasmine W. Payo

MONTAÑA Pawnshop easily held off Bacchus Energy Drinks, 74-58, even as Harbour Centre finally lived up to its promise yesterday in the PBL Unity Cup at the Makati Coliseum.

Al Vergara and Alex Compton combined for 29 points as the Jewels roared to their second straight win.

Mac Cardona delivered another dynamic performance with 33 points and 10 rebounds to lift Harbour Centre past Granny Goose, 69-65.

"It was a tough win," said Harbour Centre coach Tonichi Yturri. "Our defense helped us to hang in there."

Compton paced the Jewels with 16 points, while Vergara fired 10 of his 13 points in the second half, boosting Montaña ahead to stay, 50-43.

"It's not that I underestimated Bacchus, but I just wanted to give everybody enough playing time," said Jewels coach Robert Sison. "I wanted our bench players to gain confidence."

Harbour Centre led 62-54 midway in the fourth quarter, but Jireh Ibañes and Jett Latonio combined for nine points as Granny Goose pulled within 64-63 at the 1:26 mark.

Granny Goose had a chance to tie the game after Cardona failed to complete a three-point play, 66-63, but Latonio missed his triple try in the last 13.5 seconds.

The scores:

First Game

MONTAÑA 74—Compton 16, Vergara 13, Capus 9, Espiritu 9, Salvador 6, Juntilla 6, Baguion 5, Dela Cuesta 5, Bono 3, Mercado 2, Guerrero 0, Baluyot 0, Tolentino 0.

BACCHUS 58—Menor 10, Holper 9, Vizcarra 8, Epondulan 7, Cordero 6, Te 5, Hubalde 4, Coyukiang 4, Uy 3, Cruz 2, Abadia 0.

Quarters: 15-9, 28-29, 50-43, 74-58.

Second Game

HARBOUR CENTRE 69—Cardona 33, Buenafe 14, Gaco 10, Tenorio 7, Bugia 2, Mendoza 2, Galumbato 1, Membrere 0, Castro 0, Espinas 0.

GRANNY GOOSE 65—Latonio 17, Santos 15, Ibañes 6, Cruz 6, Quiñahan 5, Guerrero 4, Grijaldo 3, Almeda 2, Saladaga 2, Ferrer 2, Lanete 1, Allad 1, David 1, Mercado 0, Concha 0.

Quarters: 17-17, 41-34, 55-47, 69-65.

GTK Army battles Asian rivals

MEMBERS of the "GTK Army" arrive in Manila from their high-altitude training in Baguio City on Sunday to prepare for the Philippine campaign in the coming Milo National Open and Invitational Championships at the Rizal Memorial track oval.

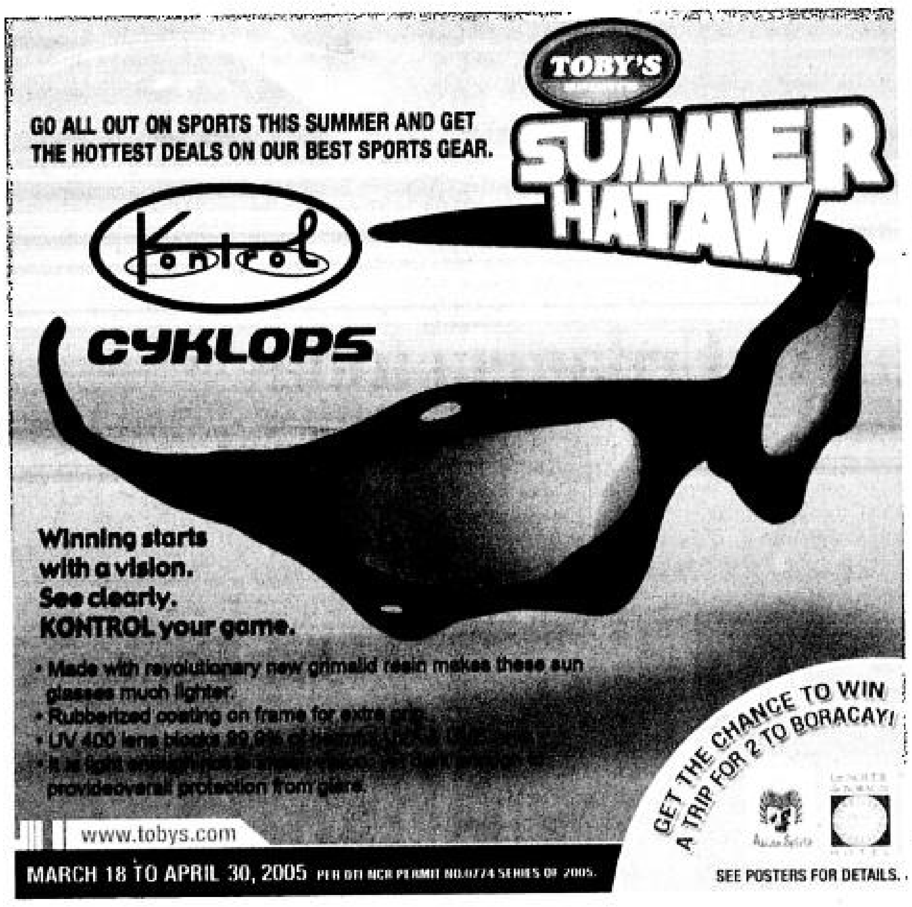
Led by 2003 Southeast Asian Games long distance double-gold medalist Eduardo Buenavista, the team will be housed at the RMSC quarters anew for the April 14-17 event expected to draw powerhouse delegations from Southeast Asia and Asia.

Also in the team are 2003 SEAG gold winners Ernie Cadeliario (400m), John Lozada (800m and 1,500m), Arneil Ferrera (hammer throw), Rene Herrera (3,000m steeplechase) and Lerma Gabito (long jump).

The bemedalled wards of Philippine Amateur Track and Field Association (Patafa) president Go Teng Kok have been in Baguio City since February, their training recently getting a big boost with the entry of San Miguel Corp. and Pagcor as "sport godfathers."

On hand to further boost the RP campaign are the 2003 SEAG silver medalists Jimar Aying, Rodrigo Tanuan, Ronnie Marfil and Robert Delicano.

The Philippines expects to meet tough competition from China as well as SEAG rivals Thailand, Indonesia and Vietnam.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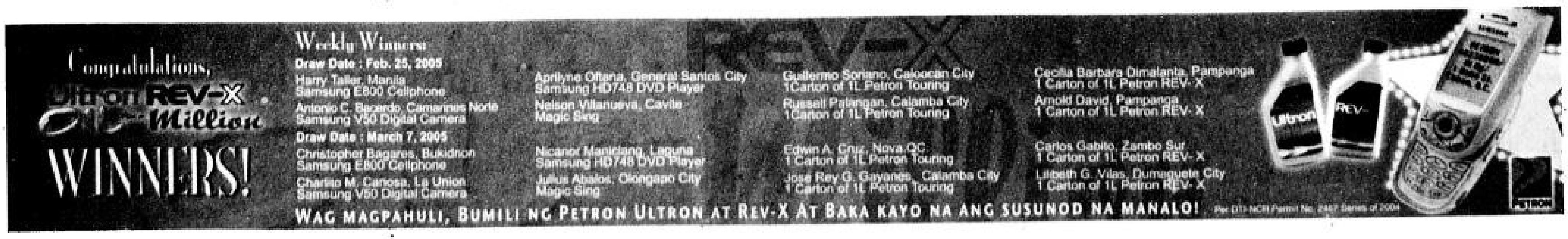
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Hot SMB start roasts Purefoods

GENERAL Santos City—A quick start was all San Miguel Beer needed as the Beermen held their ground for 48 minutes to defeat the Purefoods TJ Hotdogs, 85-79, last night in the 2005 Gran Matador PBA Fiesta Conference.

Dondon Hontiveros and Olsen Racela combined to keep the TJ Hotdogs at bay and help the Beermen seize the tournament's solo leadership with unexpected ease.

Danny Seigle scattered 19 points and Chris Burgess had 15 markers and 18 rebounds as the Beermen posted their fifth win in seven outings to break out of a four-way tie at the top.

Burgess fueled a scoring blitz right at the opening tip, helping the Beermen build a 10-0 spread, which ballooned to 25-10 after the first frame courtesy of the hot-shooting Seigle.

Coach Jong Uichico's Beermen remained unbeaten against coach Ryan Gregorio and the TJ Hotdogs in their past six meetings since the 2003 Reinforced conference. The loss was the TJ Hotdogs' second straight, dropping them to 4-3.

Rookie James Yap led the TJ Hotdogs for the third consecutive game with a game-high 24 points. Kerby Raymundo and Antonio Smith, however, came out flat, just like in Purefoods' 76-66 setback against the Alaska Aces.

In today's first game of a double header at Cuneta Astrodome, Red Bull Barako has to deal with another towering import after shutting down Shell's Wesley Wilson the other night.

But this time, the Barako will come in blind as the Coca-Cola Tigers parade the seven-foot Darrell Johns.

Unlike the 6-foot-10 Wilson, the Barako have yet to scout Johns, a Chicago State College alum who had stints in China and the National Basketball Development League.

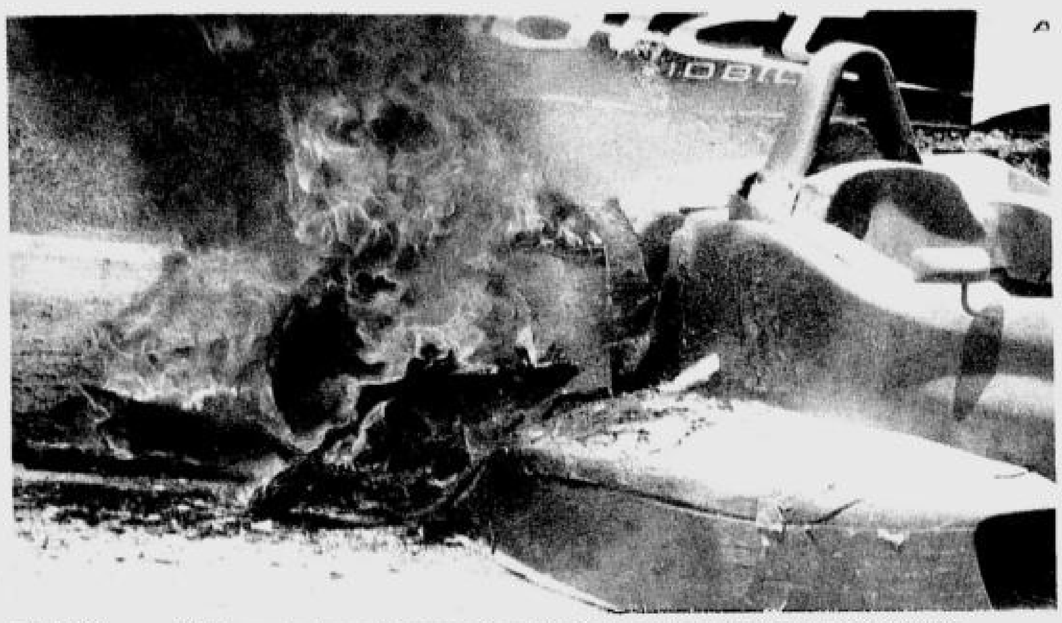
The scores:

SAN MIGUEL 85—Seigle 19, Burgess 15, Hontiveros 14, Racela 14, Belasco 13, Lopez 5, Menta 3, Villoria 2.

PUREFOODS 79—Yap 24, Smith 12, Castillo 11, Simon 11, Hrabak 9, Evangelista 4, Laure 4, Raymundo 2, Artadi 2, Espinosa 0, Limpot 0, Yee 0.

Quarters: 25-10, 42-38, 68-61, 85-79

Japanese AF3 driver unhurt after BRC crash



FLAMES leap out of the wrecked car of Japanese Katsuhiro Konno, who escaped with minor injuries.

ROSARIO, Batangas—Japanese newcomer Katsuhiro Konno crashed into a wall just before the end of a long straightaway at the Batangas Racing Circuit Thursday, abruptly ending practice sessions for the opening two legs of the 2005 Addict Mobile Asian Formula 3 Super Prix here this weekend.

Konno's Dallara F301 Toms Toyota car bounced back into the track after the crash and caught fire. To everyone's relief, though, Konno walked away with a mere ankle injury, leaving track personnel to put out the fire.

He will no longer be able to race on Sunday, however, reducing the starting field to 15.

The accident damaged the track and forced organizers to cancel three more practice sessions for the day to enable track crew to repair the damage in time for Friday's practice sessions of the races backed by Addict Mobile, Motolite, Boysen, Yokohama Tires, Lima City Hotel and PLDT MyPad (www.pldtmypad).

"It's unfortunate that Konno met this accident, but this also showed the positive side of Formula Three racing," said AF3 chair Ed Peña. "At full speed, he sustained only an ankle injury, and he can race in the next legs."

Before the crash, everything went well for the foreign and local drivers in the fold, particularly Indon Ananda Mikola of Threebond Racing of Japan and 17-year-old Dado Peña of Team Goddard Inc. who posted the two fastest clockings at the 3.4-kilometer track.

Mikola, who will turn 25 later this month, clocked one minute and 24 seconds flat, barely ahead of Peña who timed 1:24.2. Another Filipino, Tyson Sy of Speedtech, was third in 1:25.1 while John O'Hara of Ireland, racing for Team Tom's, clocked 1:25.5.

Team Goddard's Greg Murphy of Ireland timed 1:30, followed by John Marcelo (1:32) of Christian Jones Motorsports and JP Tuason (1:33) of Tuason Racing.

Macau native Rodolfo Avila, 17, racing for the first time in the Open division, clocked 1:25.8, followed by Briton James Winslow who timed 1:26.0. Veteran Pepon Marave, the 2003 champion, was next in 1:27.0, followed by Indonesian Moreno Soeprapto in 1:27.5, JP Cariño in 1:36.7 and Enzo Pastor in 1:37.0. Defending champion Christian Jones of Australia failed to test his car due to the accident that sidelined Konno in the first two races of series that has as media partners Magic 89.9, Jam 88.3, Wave 89.1, 99.5 RT and 103.5 K-Lite. Highlights of the practice sessions can be accessed at www.asianf3.net

Stifling heat greeted the drivers but this proved to be the least of their worries, especially Mikola.

Hot scoring marks start of Southwoods Invitational

CARMONA, Cavite—Indren Naidoo and partner Brij Pande bucked the hot and humid weather Thursday to turn in impressive scores and share the lead with Nicolas Camcam and Donato Flor in Group A of the Invitational golf at the Manila Southwoods Golf and Country Club here.

Ranged against several other low-handicappers, Naidoo, a former club champion, toured the par-72, 6,500-yard Legends course with a net 70 while Pande was even better with a 65 for a first round total of 135.

Camcam shot 71 and Flor had an 8-under-par 64 in securing a piece of top spot.

Just one stroke off the leaders at 138 were the father-and-son team of Bayani Fontanilla (71) and Junie (67) and the partnership of Bong Brobio (70) and Jovi Neri (68).

The hole-in-one prizes worth P7 million—a Mitsubishi Lancer GLX, 8-day/7-night Royal Caribbean cruise with Korean Air tickets for two, 4-day/3-night El Nido vacation package plus airfare, Wilson irons set—remain intact, however.

The four-day, 36-hole, two-man team annual event, is presented by Mitsubishi Motors, Diamond Motors, Royal Caribbean International, Korean Air, Wilson Sports, El Nido Resorts and Samsung as presenters. Major sponsors are Turf Company-Club Car, Globe and Nestlé.

Stephen Liao and Damasus Wong tallied a splendid 132 to pace Group B. Amando Sauler and Virgilio Guilatco came up with an aggregate 135 to be at second place. Johnny Violeta 69 and Samantha Cebrero 70 were running third with 139.

Over at the Masters course, the 133 of Ahbee Tayao (64) and Paul Genito (69) was good enough for a two-shot lead in Group C over the Alfonso Avecilla (69)-Ramon Villareal (66) team.

Christopher Boutain (63) and sister Fabrice (70) assembled a 133 to forge ahead in Group D.

9-ball Champs League fires off in Urdaneta today

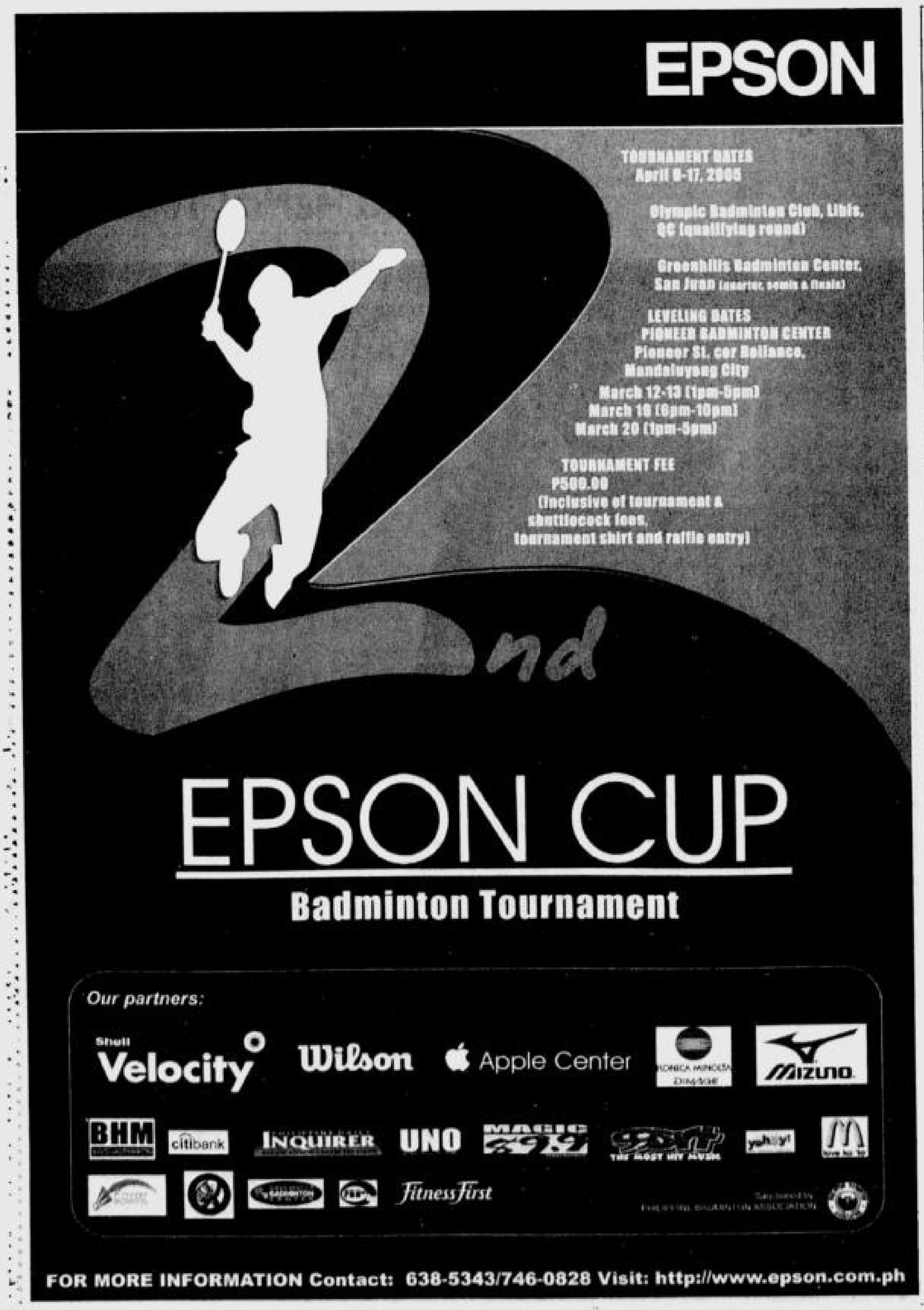
THE FIRST pre-qualifying tournament of the TM 9-Ball Champions League fires off today at the Urdaneta Sports Complex in Pangasinan with a mix of young and veteran players shooting for the championship that offers P1 million to the overall winner.

Rep. Mark Cojuangco will be supervising the pre-qualifying tournament to pick members of the Pangasinan team.

Also gracing the launch of the nationwide event, backed by Touch Mobile and Accel, which hopes to find successors to pool legends Efren "Bata" Reyes and Francisco "Django" Bustamante, are Urdaneta Mayor Amadeo Perez Jr. and members of the city council.

The event will start with a motorcade around Urdaneta at 3 p.m. Other matches, expected to last until 9 pm, will also be played at the Super Mario Billiard Hall in San Carlos and Dagupan.

The event will be telecast over IBC-13 from 9:30 to 10:30 p.m. starting April 28 and every Thursday and Friday thereafter.



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Al S. Mendoza

THE MASTERS will begin today and, chances are, you already know who is leading the first round while you are reading this.

If I say The Masters, I refer only to The Masters in Augusta, Georgia.

To any golfer worth his salt, there's only one Masters. And that's the one held yearly since 1952 at the Augusta National.

Every golfer wants to watch The Masters in Augusta. In fact, it is said that a golfer's life is complete once he has watched The Masters live.

I will always remember what Dindo Gonzalez said the first time he saw a tee shot hit on the first hole of Augusta: "Now I can die." And I told him, "Don't. Philippine golf still needs you."

That was in 1991, when Dindo Gonzalez was invited by Rod Feliciano to join a delegation to gallery for Frankie Miñoza in the 1991 Masters.

The tee shot that Dindo Gonzalez saw was that of Miñoza's.

Fourteen years after, Dindo Gonzalez is still very much around.

Ian Woosnam won that event, sinking a birdie putt on 18 from 8 feet to win by one shot.

When Woosnam, the short, stocky Welsh with a Popeye arm, made the putt, Miñoza, who got cut, said: "Woosnam is now my idol from here on."

We don't see much of Woosnam anymore. Heard he's gone back to his drinking ways.

Through the years, The Masters has always been filled with drama.

Just two days ago, Jesper Parnevik forgot his golf clubs in Florida. He realized his miscue only after arriving in Augusta. A special jet had to be used to collect Parnevik's clubs in Florida.

Asked to comment on the incident, Nick Faldo, the three-time champion, said: "I am not surprised. With Parnevik, anything can happen."

Known as a colorful, if not an eccentric, player, Parnevik has had six hole-in-one feats in tournament play, including a memorable one during an exhibition in China in 1998.

"The sponsor was Heineken," Parnevik recalled. "I won a year's worth of free beer. We drank it all up in about six months."

If there's any sport that delights more on "the telling" than "in the playing," it's golf.

Chicago Bulls great Michael Jordan was once criticized for playing 54 holes of golf in searing heat between playoff games. Jordan responded with sarcasm that indicated he had little time for critics.

"What was I supposed to do on a nice day?" he asked. "Sit in my hotel room and study my playbook?"

Each year since Ben Hogan began the practice in 1952, past Masters champions play dinner host to past Masters champions.

Last Tuesday, defending champion Phil Mickelson had as his Masters menu lobster ravioli.

But there's another in the menu that to Phil seemed more appetizing: Retaining the title.

"The dinner is a great perk but it's not something that I've really looked forward to or am ecstatic about," said Phil, who made the Masters his first major win last year after a winless streak of 47 majors. "My mind-set is more concerned about trying to defend this championship and trying to win than it is to have dinner."

Phil is now part of the so-called "Fab Four" in golf to include Tiger Woods, Ernie Els and Vijay Singh.

In the not so distant past, there was only one "Fab Four" and that moniker belonged to The Beatles—John Lennon, Paul McCartney, George Harrison and Ringo Starr.

Fans are a jealous lot so that I won't be surprised if some Beatlemaniacs would mind sportswriters using "Fab Four" to describe golf's top four at the moment.

Deep in me, I mind it myself. Fabulous indeed were The Beatles that to me, they are beyond compare.

I just hope that one of golf's "Fab Four" wins The Masters. Otherwise, my American colleagues in the profession could be guilty of blasphemy.

Missing RP athletes leave . . .

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While the PSC is giving the three and Al Jabbar Sangkola, Neil John Ballosa and Mark Cometa until April 22 to return, the AFP-POC office source said that the soldiers have only 10 days from last week before being declared AWOL.

Before this was discovered, pencak silat association president Sultan Jamalil Kiram admitted that the chances of his sport bagging medals in the Southeast Asian Games later this year have sagged.

JUNGOLF 'RYDER CUP'

Red holds on to slim edge

BAGUIO—The Red team, behind another late heroics by Justin Dy, salvaged an 8-8 draw in the second round to hold on to a precarious one-point lead over the Blue squad in the Ryder Cup-format tournament of the Samsung Jungolf Tour at the Camp John Hay Golf Club course here.

Dy, at seven one of the youngest players in the Red lineup, beat Gerard Marcelo, 5 and 3, in the final match of the day to secure the draw for his team and pave the way for an exciting final round where both teams shoot it out in 31 singles duels.

After posting an 8-7 lead in the best-ball/scramble format in the opening round, the Reds remained ahead, 16-15, of a fighting Blue squad in the tournament also supported by Philippine Airlines, Unilever and Camp John Hay.

"It can't get any better than this," said Jungolf president Raoul Lachica. "It comes down to who gets the most wins in the final round."

Meanwhile, the Jungolf Foundation of the Philippines announced that next week's third leg of the summer series at Tat Filipinas on April 11-13 will serve as the official qualifier to the Asia-Pacific junior championships in South Korea.

Red team captains Cyna Rodriguez and Crystal Faith Superal again punished their male rivals, Sungbin Yoon and Wolen Juan Superal, 2 and 1, to earn one of the biggest wins for their team.

Also scoring for the Red team were the pairs of Nico Monsalve-Carlos Tinio, Jedric Tumamao-Joseph Aranas, Agustin Pacheco-Michael Limandibrata, Justin Lerma-Emerson Ang, Marvi Monsalve-Ann Sabater and Ahn Sieun-Felicia Medalla.

Three straight wins by Arriana Martinez-Kim Mingi, Aristeo Mata-Robert Vallete and Marco Ludovice keyed the Blues' big run in aggregate play.

The other Blue winners were Chris de la Cruz-Lawrence Celestino, Kirby Lachica-Aaron Dimabuyu, Koo Jong Gyoon-Devon Swart, Francis Marquez-Agustin Mata and Joaquin Lerma-Diego Ludovice.

Island Paradise Adventure Race stakes P1M

By Jasmine W. Payo

DEFT driving skills and endurance could win you a million in nine days.

The Department of Tourism is inviting 35 three-man teams to compete for P1 million in the Luzon leg of the Island Paradise Adventure Race May 7-15.

"If you have a 4x4 and three adventurous souls, you're welcome to join," said Tourism Secretary Ace Durano during a press conference yesterday at the DOT main office in Manila. "Hopefully, this will help boost domestic tourism."

The motorcar adventure rally will feature physical and mental challenges around tourist destinations in Luzon including Baler, Banaue, Bayombong, Penablanca, Laoag, Vigan, Alaminos, Subic and Metro Manila.

Patterned after the hit TV reality show "Amazing Race," the 2,000-km course will be flagged off at the Quirino Grandstand in Manila.

The two runners-up will receive P300,000 and P100,000 plus and gift certificates.

The Visayan leg is slated between October to December, while the Mindanao race has also been lined up.

Registration forms for the Luzon leg are available at the main and regional offices of DOT, Automobile Association of the Philippines, X Events Unlimited and Tour Consortium. Deadline for submission of entries is April 22. For inquiries, call 5239031 or 5363153.

Elixir, TCCC riders strike

ELIXIR Bike Shop and Tagaytay International Convention Center (TICC) struck for three gold medals each on the fourth day of the First Philippine Velo Challenge yesterday at the Amoranto Velodrome in Quezon City.

Marites Bitbit starred for Elixir of PhilCycling MTB commission chair Leo Magaway, ruling the Elite women's 800-m massed start final (one minute and 14 seconds) and the 3,000m individual pursuit race (4:35.35).

Jan Paul Morales, the other multiple gold-medal winner, shone for TICC, nailing top spot in the Juniors 200m Keirin (13.02 seconds) and the 3,000m individual pursuit race (4:00.29).

After four days of the event co-presented by the First Gentleman's Foundation and Air21-Tour Pilipinas Inc., Elixir pulled farther away from the six-team field with 128 points.

MayniLA was running second (109) followed by Quezon City (104), Wescor Transformer Corp. (103), Puerto Princesa (96) and TICC (51) in the event supported primarily by Pagcor and backed by the Philippine Sports Commission, the Philippine Olympic Committee, Isuzu D-Max (the Philippines' No. 1 Pick-up), Sharp Phils., San Miguel Corp.-Viva Mineral Water, Vittoria Tires, 93.9 iFM, RMN dzXL 558, David's Salon and Intrasports.

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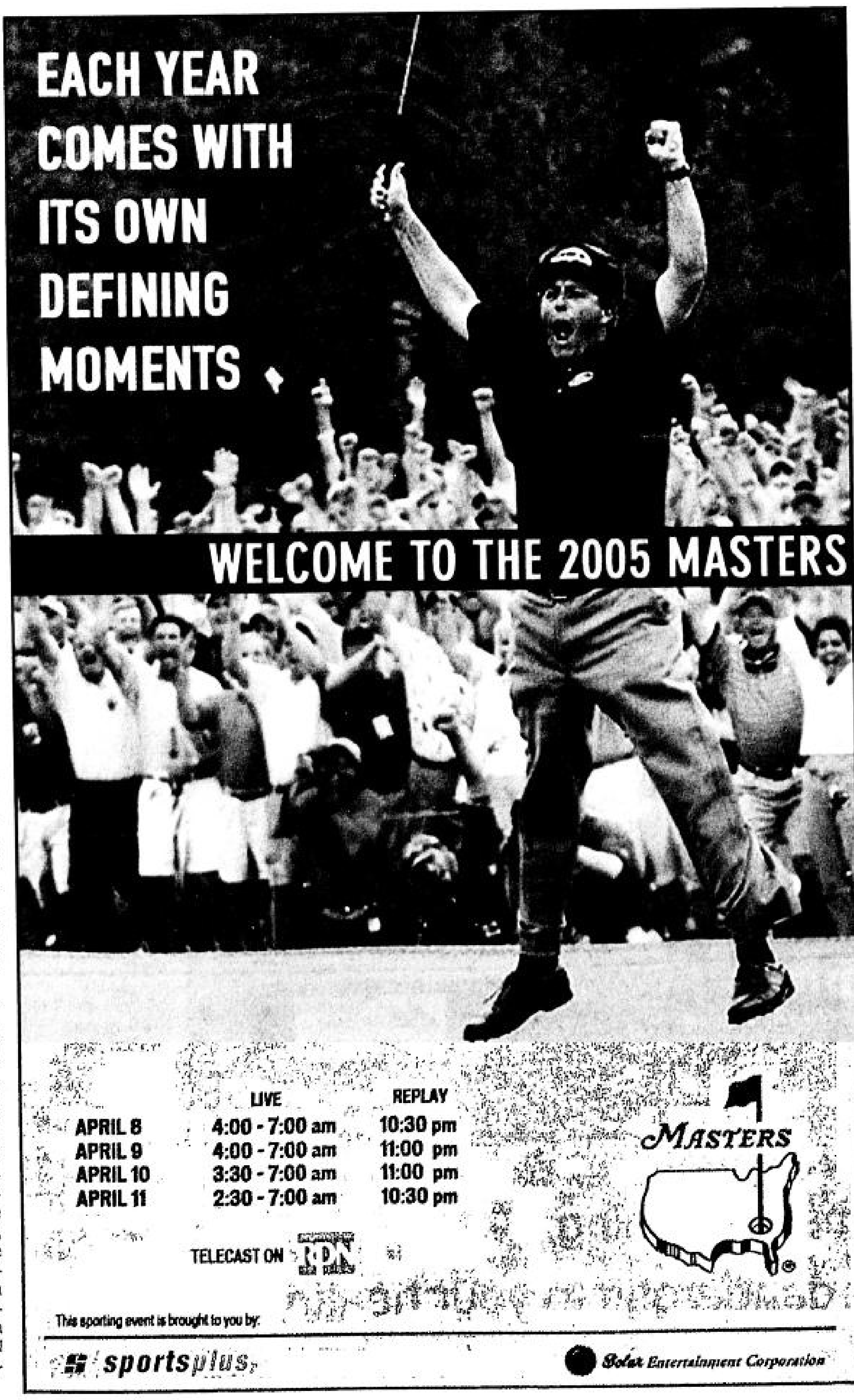

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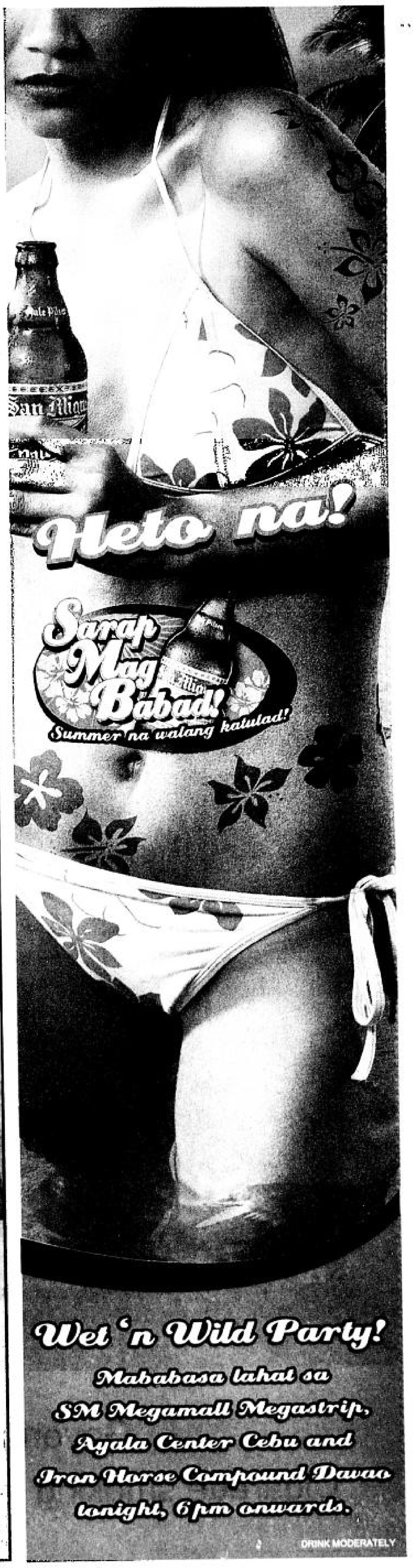

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Woods still the attraction, but not the main event

AUGUSTA, Georgia—Tiger Woods is still the main attraction at the Masters. But he no longer is the main event.

Phil Mickelson is the defending champion when the 69th Masters begins Thursday, and many believe he is primed to join Woods, Nick Faldo and Jack Nicklaus as the only consecutive winners of a green jacket.

His victory Monday in the BellSouth Classic was his third of the year. And his confidence soars even higher just driving down Magnolia Lane, walking upstairs to the champions locker room, being on a golf course where a year ago he birdied five of the last seven holes to capture his first major.

Vijay Singh is No. 1 in the world, and has been for all but two weeks in March. And while his only victory this year came in the second week of the season, he is the only player who seems to be around the top of the leaderboard no matter where he plays.

"Vijay is the one that is playing the best at the moment," Sergio Garcia said.

Ernie Els is seeking redemption at Augusta National. Retief Goosen is seeking recognition. Those two South Africans, along with Mickelson and Singh, all have won majors in the nearly three years since Woods last captured a coveted Grand Slam event.

"If you look at guys who are at the top in the world ranking, and the guys who have won major championships, you know they can handle the heat," Woods said. "You know they're not going to make a mistake."

He hasn't had this much competition since winning the first of his eight majors at Augusta National in 1997.

On perhaps the most famous stage in golf, the latest battle begins to unfold Thursday with a Masters that is being billed more as a free-for-all than a heavyweight prize fight.

And while top players are getting most of the attention, another familiar theme threatened to intervene.

A line of violent thunderstorms began working its way toward Augusta National even as the undercard—the Par 3 Tournament—was being held Wednesday.

Weather already has interrupted play in eight of 14 tournaments, and one forecast said the course could get as much as 2 1/2 centimeters (1 inch) of rain about the time the Masters gets under way.

No one doubts Woods can win because he is the best at limiting his mistakes, and because he already has won twice on the PGA Tour this year, including a stirring rally to beat Mickelson at Doral.

Woods has gone 10 majors without winning, matching the longest drought of his career. His last major victory was the 2002 US Open at Bethpage Black, and the landscape was much different then.

Mickelson still hadn't won a major. Singh was toiling in obscurity. Els was on the verge of resurrecting his game, although he had gone five years since his second US Open title.

Now, they are all as tightly bunched as fans who squeeze in behind the ropes to watch them slug it out.

"It's a totally different ballgame at the moment, with guys playing at a better level than a couple of years ago," Els said. "Yeah, it's a little different. But Tiger is still Tiger."

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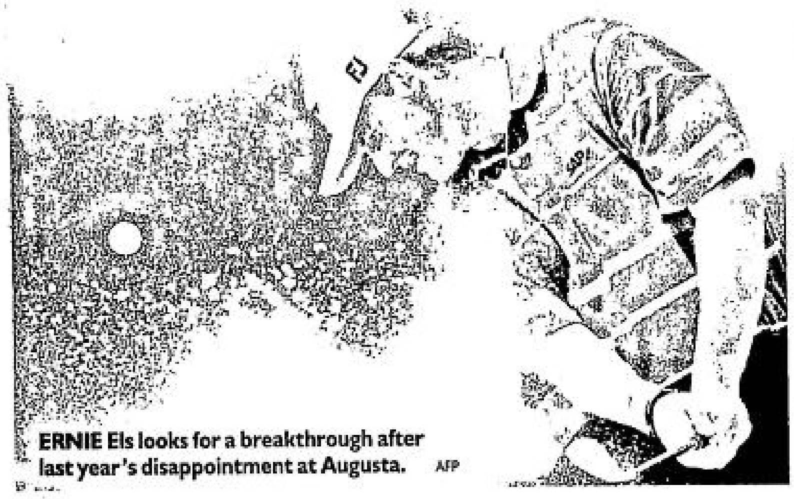


ERNIE Els looks for a breakthrough after last year's disappointment at Augusta. AFP

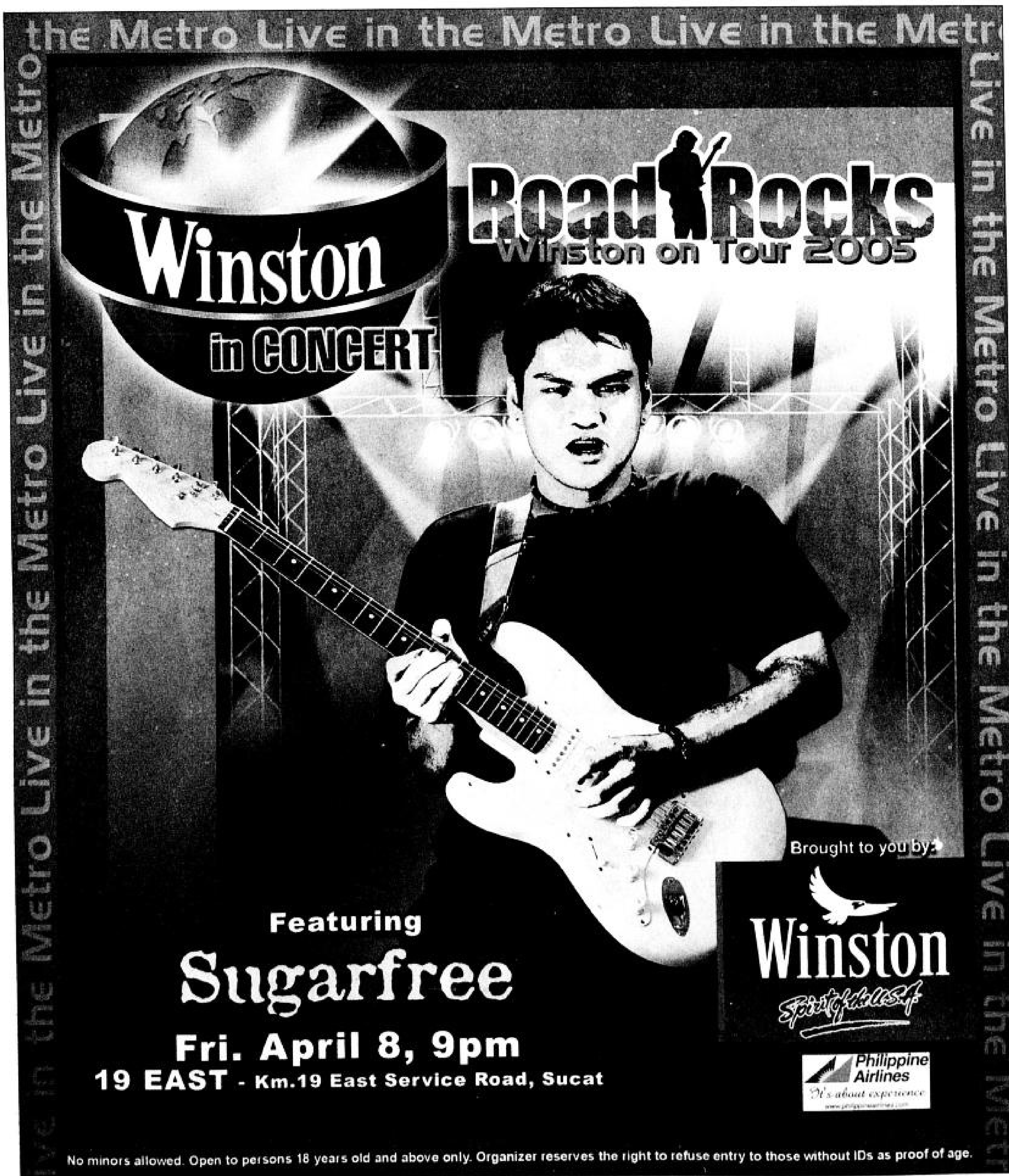
Mamat qualifies; Que 20th

KUALA LUMPUR—Mardan Mamat of Singapore won the two-day International Final Qualifying-Asia for the British Open Thursday, shooting a one-under-par 71 for a 137 total at the Saujana Golf and Country Club.

Richard Moir of Australia also qualified along with Danny Chia, who became the first Malaysian to make it to The Open Championship set in St. Andrews in July.

The two finished level at 139 after Moir closed out with a 68 and Chia carded a 72 with birdies on the last two holes.

Filipino Angelo Que, who blew his first British Open bid with an opening 77, finished with a 72 for a 149 total. He placed 20th in a field of 31.



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FOR MONTHS the Equine Infectious Anemia (EIA) disease has been a hot topic of discussion among the country's horse racing aficionados. As an incurable horse disease that can potentially wipe out the local race horse population, the Philippine Racing Commission, the ruling body for the sport, has mounted a campaign against the dreaded virus by requiring all horses to undergo EIA testing.

"The Philracom did the right thing in conducting EIA tests on our horses," said horse owner and sports patron Aristeo "Putch" Puyat in a recent interview. "The virus is very contagious and could destroy completely the racing industry if not stopped immediately. It is deadly just like AIDS," added Puyat, who heads the star-studded Metropolitan Association of Race Horse Owners.

"If we don't address the EIA problem, the local horse racing industry will suffer," stressed Mandaluyong Rep. Benhur Abalos, another noted horse owner who chairs the powerful House committe on appropriations for the Philracom, Games and Amusements Board and the Philippine Sports Commission.

"The EIA testing program should be supported because it is timely and a boost to the racing industry," said Henri Kahn, marketing executive of

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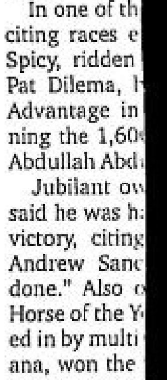

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AMELIA ISLAND, Florida—Serena Williams made an impressive start to the claycourt season on Wednesday, easing past Dally Randriantefy of Madagscar, 6-3, 6-1, to reach the third round of the Amelia Island Championship.

French Open champion Anastasia Myskina recovered after a self-confessed bout of boredom to beat Israeli teenager Shahar Peer, 6-2, 3-6, 6-3.

But Australian Alicia Molik, the fourth seed, was less fortunate. She went down, 6-4, 6-4, to Virginie Razzano of France.

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DEFENDING Masters champion Phil Mickelson (left) holds hands with his daughter, Amanda, 5, as they walk with Christian (below), son of Chris DiMarco, and Thomas, son of Tom Lehman, to the first tee. REUTERS

Grizzlies rip Raptors; Sixers win

TORONTO—Pau Gasol scored 26 points to lead the Memphis Grizzlies to a 104-74 victory over the Toronto Raptors on Wednesday.

"It was a must win for us, especially after the loss we had last night," Gasol said. "We have so many tough games coming up, Miami and then we go on the road against all of those teams in Texas. It was a must win."

Memphis' 30-point margin of victory was a team record for a road game. The Grizzlies never trailed and led by as many as 37 points, one night after losing to Denver.

The Grizzlies had lost four of their previous six games, and needed the victory with a tough road schedule ahead. Seven of their last eight games are against potential playoff teams—including two games left against both Dallas and San Antonio.

Jalen Rose scored 19 points for the Raptors, who absorbed their worst loss of the season, surpassing a 21-point loss to Orlando on Dec. 1.

In Philadelphia, Allen Iverson scored 48 points and kept Philadelphia in the playoff hunt with a win over Charlotte.

Iverson had 30 in the first half to help the Sixers take a 25-point lead, which was sliced all the way to one late in the fourth quarter. It was the second straight game the Sixers let a huge lead slip away, blowing a 26-point lead against Boston before holding on for a four-point win.

The wins gave Philadelphia a small cushion in the race for the final playoff spot in the Eastern Conference. The Sixers are 3 1/2 games behind Boston in the Atlantic Division and a game and a half ahead of New Jersey for the final playoff spot in the Eastern Conference.

Primoz Brezec led Charlotte with 23 points.

In Boston, Ricky Davis scored 27 points and Boston overcame an 11-point third quarter deficit to beat Milwaukee, which played without top scorer Michael Redd.

Desmond Mason scored Milwaukee's last 14 points, cutting the lead to 99-97 with a three-point play with 18 seconds left.

In Auburn Hills, Michigan, Ben Wallace had 21 points and 18 rebounds, and Detroit cut its magic number to clinch the Central Division title to four with a victory over Washington. *AP*

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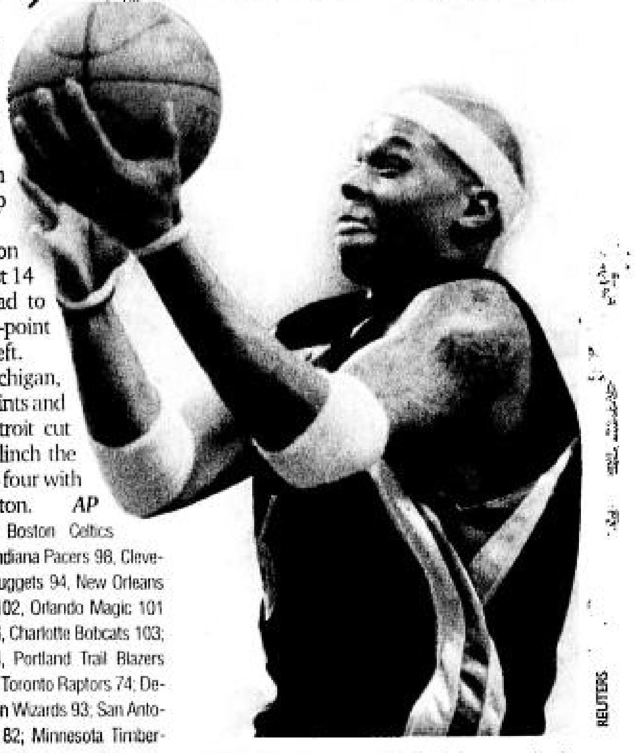
Hill out for good?

ORLANDO, Florida—Orlando star forward Grant Hill is likely sidelined for the rest of the NBA season with a leg injury. Hill missed the last two games with a badly bruised shin and has missed most of the last four seasons with a broken, painful ankle that's not healing as desired. *AFP*



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GRIZZLIES' Bonzie Wells drives to the hoop.

RP-Cebuana Lhuillier overpowers Cavite quintet

THE RP-CEBUANA Lhuillier team showed its readiness for the Southeast Asian Games Wednesday by blasting Far Eastern Insurance-backed Cavite, 81-59, in its debut in the Spring Cooking Oil-NBC (National Basketball Conference) final North pre-season series at the Rizal Coliseum.

Earlier, the Parañaque Jets of Vice Mayor and actor/TV host Anjo Yllana held off a blistering fourth-quarter rally by Forward Taguig to win 63-59 and assume solo leadership in the short five-team series.

Nino Marquez knocked in 25 points as the Jets posted their second straight win.

Coach Boysie Zamar's RP-Cebuana cagers led from start to finish as twin towers KG Canaleta and Samigue Eman combined for 35 points to deal Bacoor Vice Mayor Edwin Malvar's Insurers their second straight loss.

Meanwhile, RP-Cebuana has confirmed its participation as a guest team in the 2005 Panasonic-NBC national championship which kicks off on April 23 at the Cuneta Astrodome.

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That is why I am perplexed why a William Dagan, who is not even a licensed horse owner, has been openly refusing the EIA testing program. If he truly loves the sport of horse racing, Dagan should not refuse the EIA testing because such tests are vital in preventing the deadly virus from spreading.

In my view, all kinds of sporting events, including the sport of horse racing, have policies and rules that must be strictly followed to ensure fairness and equality in the competition. And respect for decisions of officials duly authorized to execute the rules of the game must at all times be shown.

Otherwise, there will be anarchy, chaos and confusion and the event will cease to be a sport but a test of guile, trickery and fraud.

Even the Supreme Court once said, "The rules of sports do not consider exceptions; it exacts obedience to the rules to promote and develop a keen sense of fairness in the field of competition and in the spirit of sportsmanship." Anyone who joins an event does so with the clear cut understanding that he shall abide strictly by the rules... [D]ecisions may not be pleasant to the participants, but the latter may not be allowed to substitute their own judgments over those authorized to conduct the race.

Some years back, the local racing industry was hit by the Strangles, an infectious disese of horses, which led to a temporary suspension of races at both the San Lazaro and Sta. Ana race tracks. Surely, all racing fans wouldn't want another epidemic from ever happening again. As Rep. Luis "Baby" Asistio said, "The Philracom must act now (to stop the EIA virus from spreading) before it's too late."

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'SPORTACULAR ASIA.' The month of April will usher in the most exciting sports magazine program on television when "Sportacular Asia" gets off the launching pad at 11 p.m. on Sunday, April 17, on ABC 5. Hosted by Dancesport Council of the Philippines president Becky Garcia and table tennis head Vic Valbuena, the initial episode will feature boxing and muay Thai personalities like Manny Pacquiao, Robin Padilla and Judy Ann Santos. Also featured are other sporting greats and the First Gentleman Mike Arroyo's Medalyang Ginto godfathers and taipans, who are supporting Filipino athletes competing in the coming SEA Games.

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Red Sox rally to nip Yankees

NEW YORK—Playing without ailing manager Terry Francona, the Boston Red Sox rallied for five runs against Mariano Rivera in the ninth inning and beat the New York Yankees 7-3 Wednesday to avoid a season-opening sweep.

Francona was taken to a hospital in the morning with tightness in his chest. A Red Sox spokesperson said Francona was scheduled to be transferred Wednesday night to Boston, where he will remain under the supervision of team doctor Thomas Gill. *AP*

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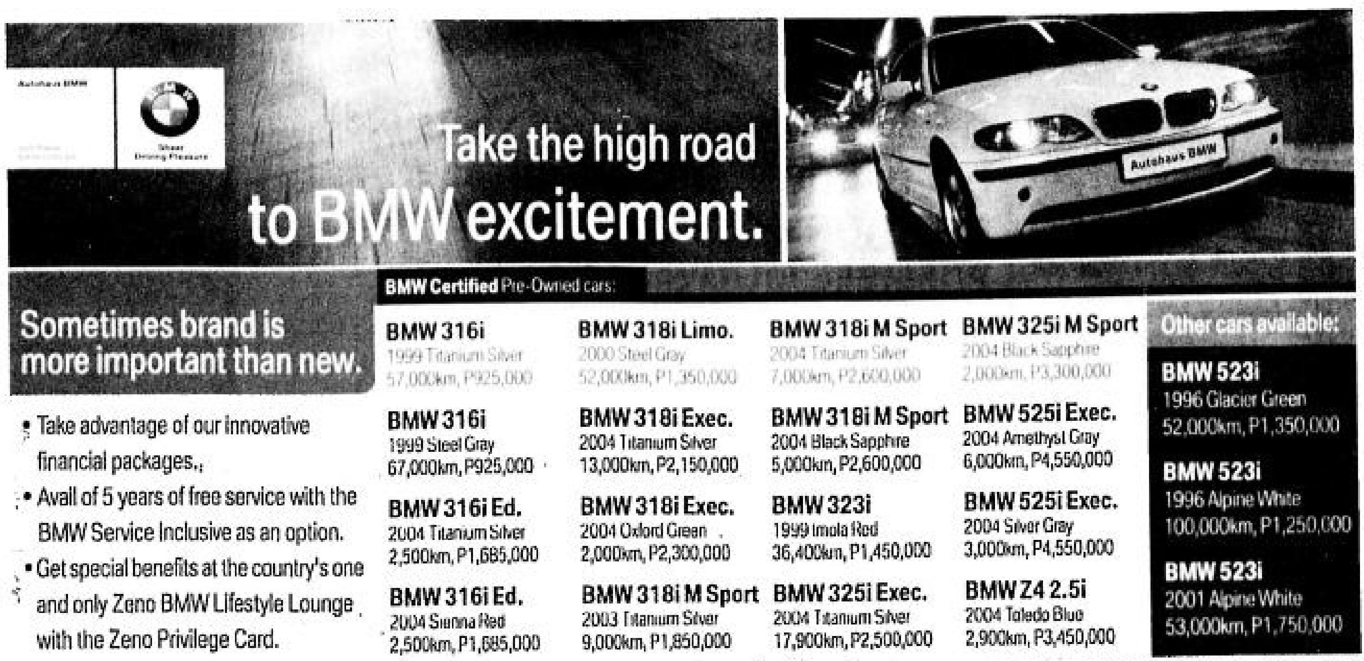

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MSU tows three Minda pairs to Boracay phase

FANCIED Mindanao State University of Tawi-Tawi (MSU) lived up to expectations yesterday and towed three other men's teams from the region into the much-awaited Boracay stage of the Nestea Beach Volley 2005 tournament.

Gabshar Tahiluddin and Yusop Abdulkarim frolicked under the sun to give MSU a 21-8 win over Davao Doctors College and a 21-16 victory over Maharlika Institute of Technology at the La Salle Green Hills sand court.

The MSU spikers, described by Jonrey Sasing of men's defending champion University of San Jose-Recoletos as one of the teams to beat this year, made it to the Bocaray phase on May 5 to 7 regardless of the result of its ongoing game against Ateneo de Davao University.

Also making it to the Boracay stage were University of Mindanao-Tagum (UM-T), University of Mindanao-Davao (UM-D) and Ateneo de Davao. Like MSU, these three teams won their first two matches and could actually afford to lose their last.

In the women's division, Mindanao teams advancing to the next round due to a superior quotient were UM-T, MSU and Holy Cross of Davao College and UM-D.

Of the 72 teams from 44 colleges and universities nationwide, only 12 each in the men's and women's divisions made it to Boracay where the winning pairs will take home P100,000 cash and P50,000 worth of sports equipment for their respective schools.

Representing Luzon are University of Baguio, College of St. Benilde, Far Eastern U and reigning NCAA champion Philippine Christian University in the women's division, and St. Francis of Assisi, FEU, Adamson and NCAA titlist College of St. Benilde in the men's side.

From the Visayas, it will be the University of the Visayas, back-to-back champion Southwestern U, Foundation U and USJ-R in the women's side, and University of Southern Philippines, defending champion USJ-R, University of Negros Occidental Recoletos and University of San Carlos in the men's side.

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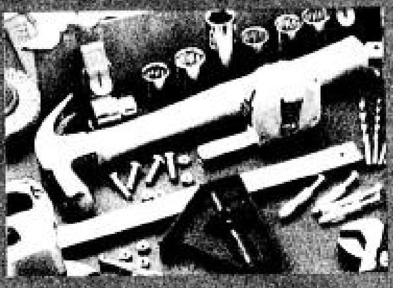

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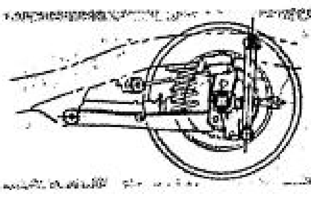

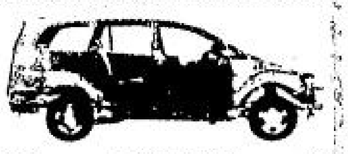

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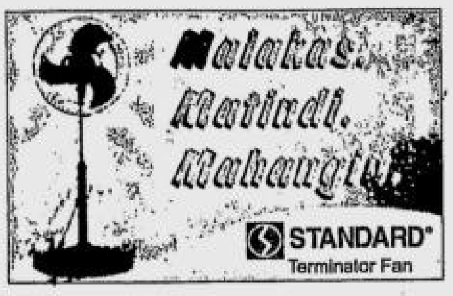

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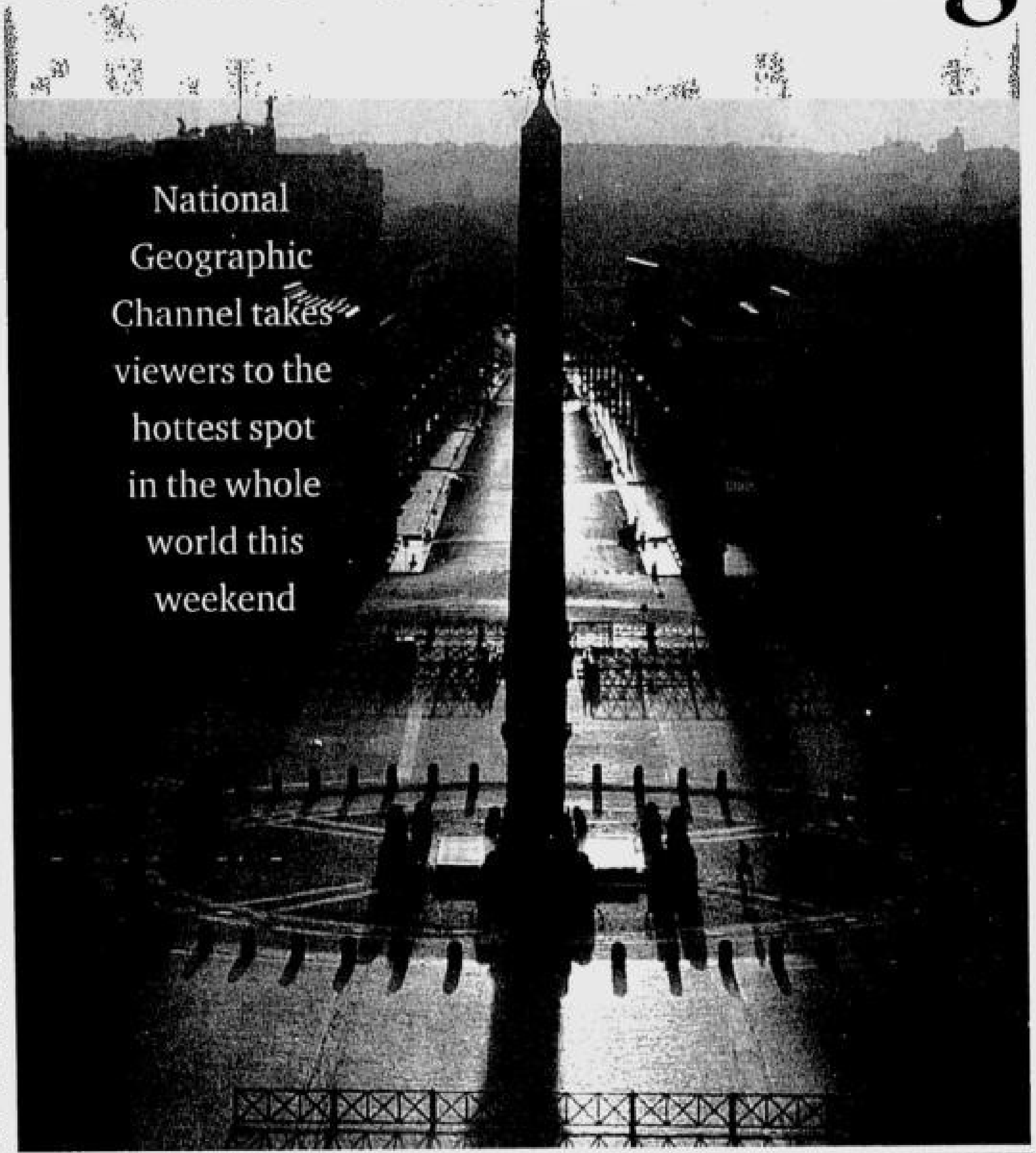

National Geographic Channel takes viewers to the hottest spot in the whole world this weekend

THE VATICAN, one of the best-known places in the world, is perhaps one of the least understood. With some 524 citizens, 0.4399 sq kilometers, and no more than 25 buildings, the State of Vatican City is the world's smallest nation. Its leader, the Pope, has the distinction of being both supreme civil authority and head of the Roman Catholic Church.

For Roman Catholics and non-Catholics alike, the city state is a treasure trove of magnificent art, architecture, manuscripts, books and historical documents. The National Geographic Channel presents "Inside the Vatican" tonight at 9, and on Sunday at 5 p.m.

The impressive documentary is inspired by the National Geographic book of the same title. It provides a rare glimpse of the thriving community inside the Vatican's walls, with the Swiss Guard as focal point.

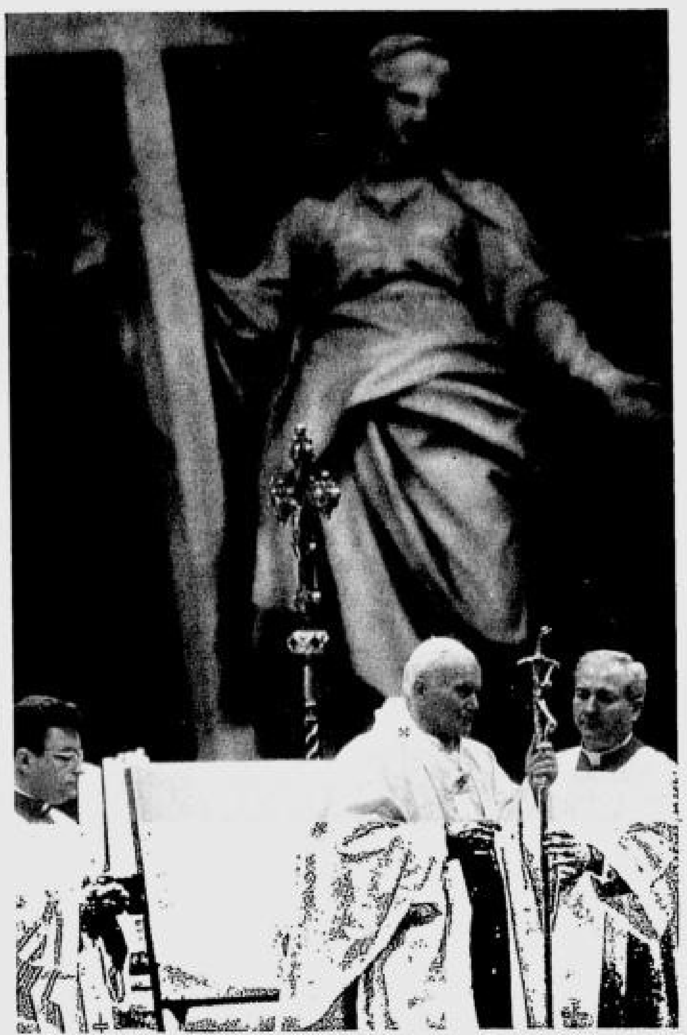
While their work today may appear to be largely ceremonial, the Swiss Guard remains responsible for the physical safety of the Pope, and the security of the Apostolic Palace, the entrance doors to the papal apartment, and the main entrances to the Vatican. Consisting of around 100 men, the Swiss Guard Corps has its own chapel and chaplain.

Today, the Swiss Guard is the world's smallest standing army and, perhaps in recognition of its loyalty to the papacy, has been retained as the sole remaining unit of the papacy's military corps. Though the papacy is no longer embroiled in battle, the Guard continues to take its military training seriously.

Guards supplement their Swiss military training with martial arts and modern weaponry, as well as training in the use of swords and the traditional halberd, an impressive six-foot weapon that is part pike and part battle-ax on a six-foot pole.

National Geographic Television senior executive producer for Specials and Event Programming Michael Rosenfeld was at the helm of this project.

An award-winning filmmaker, Rosenfeld has produced and written numerous documentaries. Prior to helming National Geographic Specials in 1999, he served as executive producer of National Geographic Explorer. Under his guidance, Explorer won 16 Emmy Awards, and for three years in a row took the Cable Ace Award for the Best Magazine Series on cable television.


POPE John Paul II was both head of the Church and the city state.

TV Patrol World covers Pope's burial rites

ABS-CBN's News and Current Affairs Group is in the Vatican for a live marathon coverage of the burial of Pope John Paul II today.

"Paalam, Ama" begins at 3 p.m., with live pictures of unfolding events starting at 4 p.m. (Manila time), rolling over to "TV Patrol World" at 6:30 p.m.

TV Patrol World anchors Julius Babao and Karen Davila will be joined by field reporter Lynda Jumilla.

From the ABS-CBN studios in Quezon City, Korina Sanchez and Dong Puno, and the network's reporters will broadcast related activities from all over the Philippines and the world. Ces Drilon will be in Mexico, Dindo Amparo in the Middle East, and field reporters will file stories from North America.

"Paalam, Ama" will be simulcast live on ANC (ABS- CBN News Channel), Studio 23, DZMM, and will be seen live by Kapamilyas around the world through The Filipino Channel.

The special coverage will continue through the weekend, with two one-hour specials, and on to a special edition of "The Correspondents" on Monday.

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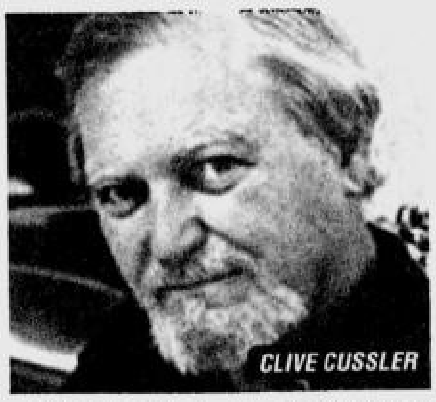
CLIVE CUSSLER

Ian Fleming joined the British Navy early in his life and served as an intelligence officer after World War II. Many of his personal experiences served as inspiration for his novels focusing on British secret service agent, James Bond.

Clive Cussler grew up in California and joined the Air Force then decided to become a writer. His love for danger and adventure inspired him to create Dirk Pitt, a special agent for the government.

JAMES BOND

DIRK PITT

James Bond is the son of a Scottish father and a Swiss mother. He later joined the British Navy and served until he was awarded the rank of Commander, and was recruited by the foreign intelligence branch (MI6) of the British government. Bond earned a "00" number, given only to those agents who are "licenced to kill".

Dirk Pitt is the son of United States Senator George Pitt and Summer Smith. He graduated from the United States Air Force Academy and went into the Air Force. He was cited for heroism many times during his stint in the Air Force.

He later left the Air Force and joined a top secret government agency.

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Martin and Patti at Araneta Colise

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PATTI Austin returns to the this month to perform once Martin Nievera at the Aran um on April 22, 8:30 p.m.

This should be a treat for missed the duo's show in Ja Jeff Cal of the producing gr Media.

"Martin and Patti: Live i will also be staged on Apri p.m., at the Freedom Ring ater in Clark Field, Pampang.

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ing about all of that. I rem wrecks off the coast of the tan regidor) and those colorful ta

Now 56, Irons looks ga traces of the dark, brooding and that rich voice still mai imposing presence.

Sigourney, too

As for Sigourney, I asked lection of filming "The Year Dangerously" in the Phil 1982. "I think it was my favo ence on a movie because it w time I'd ever been to Asia," sa uesque actress, who was time.

"We had to leave, though, the situation in Metro Mani the two-time Golden Globe for "Gorillas in the Mist" and Girl" (but she is probably be bered for her role in the b "Alien" film series). "We wer in Muslim neighborhoods. death threats. We had to flee try. So many things happe over there. We had earthq the hotel staff would go, 'We earthquakes!' (Laughs). Re we had armed guards on ev the hotel. We had to be fri time we went in.'

She continued: 'The Fili ple are such warm, affab They were the last peop world I would think who sh a dictatorship under Marc just sad with all the guns ar never been back there. I w to return. It's also the mov (director) **Peter Weir** too time so that I could actua love with how a film is mad order and all these thing came from the theater."

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Starstruck Superstar featuring Rainier Castillo at Enchanted Kingdom, 7 p.m. with 'Pinoy Pop Superstar' singers as guests.

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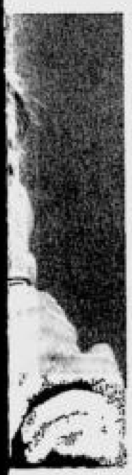

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Sigourney recalled seeing **Mel Gibson**, her co-star in the movie that also featured **Kuh Ledesma, Bembol Roco** and other local actors, for the first time: "Mel was already the 'Road Warrior.' He was already a huge star in Australia. I remember when I first met him, he was wearing this bright blue shirt. I had never seen a human being who was so gorgeous. In fact, I looked at him and I went oh, no, because I was supposed to be the pretty one in this story but it's him. But he's also such a great guy, frankly—and he was such a regular, down-to-earth person. His wife had twins one morning and he was back at work right away. He was a very hardworking but very relaxed, very shy person. He was offered the James Bond role while I was working with him. He turned it down."

E-mail the columnist at rvnepales@aol.com.

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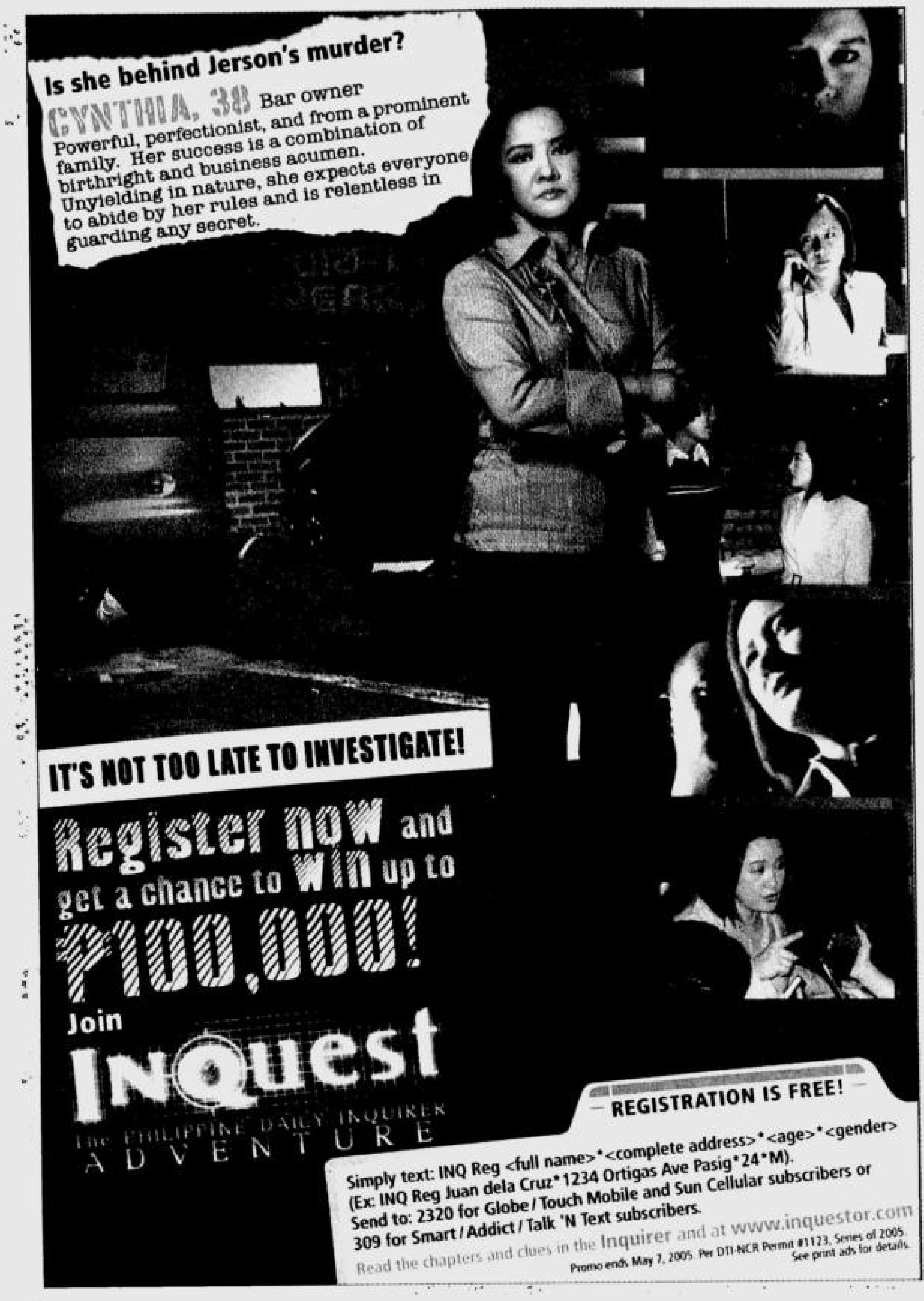

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Memories of Manila

Two separate interviews with great actors—**Jeremy Irons** and **Sigourney Weaver**—recently brought back memories of Marcos era Manila. You got to be there when Irons, in his veddy British accent and droll manner, answered my question about his memories of being shown around Manila by former First Lady **Imelda Marcos** during the 1980 Manila International Film Festival (or MIFF—the acronym should have tipped off Mrs. Marcos that it was not a good omen).

"I remember the smell of the garlands," Irons said in his low, sonorous voice that has been likened to that of a serpent crossed with an angel. "What was the flower?"

When I said "sampaguita," the very elegant Irons remarked, "Right. I remember that flower very well. There's an over-sweetness about that flower. I remember Imelda with her sort of comfortableness, and **Alexander Walker**. You probably knew Alexander Walker, a great English film critic, sadly now dead. He was gay. We were all given these white flower garlands to wear and Alex wore his, certainly. We were sitting in this huge dinner for Imelda in a massive, great ballroom. The English National Anthem started up and we all stood. These huge doors opened and in walked Alex with these sampaguita garlands. I thought, God save the queen indeed, here he comes." While my colleagues savored and laughed at his anecdote, the ever cool, smooth Irons simply smiled.

Then on a somber note, Irons, 1990 Oscar best actor for "Reversal of Fortune," added: "I remember the cinema (Manila Film Center) where we showed the films and hearing that many people had been buried within the concrete because they'd fallen and there was a slightly creepy feel-

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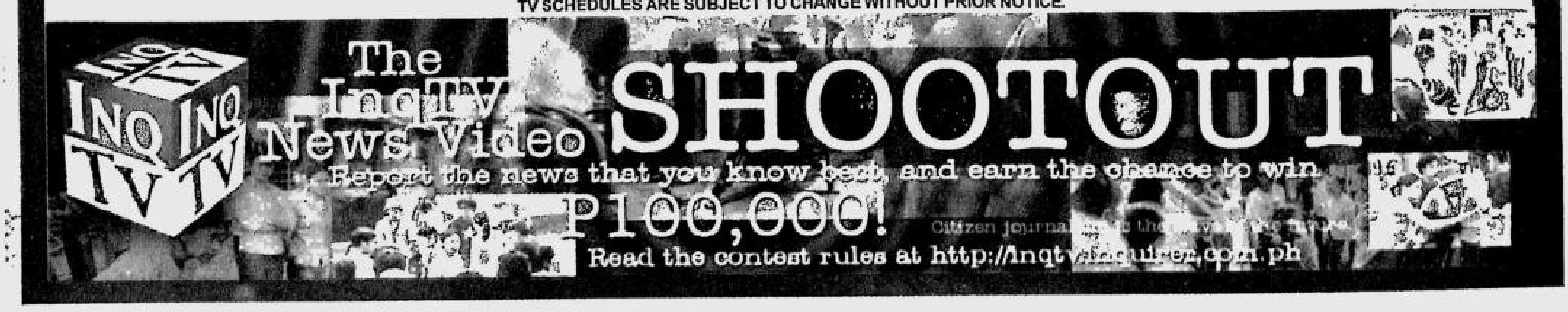

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MTRCB hands off on networks' row

GMA 7 denies ABS-CBN's allegation of 'irresponsible journalism'

By Marinel R. Cruz

THE MOVIE and Television Review and Classification Board (MTRCB) is taking a hands-off stance on ABS-CBN's protest against the practice of "irresponsible journalism" by its rival channel GMA 7.

But GMA 7, or Kapuso Network, insists that it observed "responsible show biz reporting" when its entertainment talk show, "StarTalk," aired a sex video that allegedly featured ABS-CBN contract star Piolo Pascual.

Star Magic, ABS-CBN's talent center, sent protest letters to the MTRCB and the Professional Artist Managers Inc. (Pami), to "seek the assistance" of the two groups in initiating action against GMA 7 and the offending show.

Pami has yet to come up with a response to the letter.

But Censors chief Marissa Laguardia said that to further involve the MTRCB in the issue is not in the Board's "best interests."

In a statement sent to INQUIRER Entertainment on Wednesday, Laguardia said: "The MTRCB does not know the truth or falsity of what was shown [on 'Startalk']. We have to emphasize that the video shown was neither too explicit nor too violent."

To interfere at this point, Laguardia added, "may be transgressing the right of people involved to their freedom of expression."

In its own statement, GMA 7, through Program Publicity Head for Entertainment Jayce C. Perlas, said: "'StarTalk' did not make any conclusion that indeed it was Pascual in the video in question. The angle of the segment was the proliferation of alleged 'sex videos,' counting Ethel Booba, Jennylyn Mercado, Paolo Bediones, and lately, Piolo Pascual as its victims."

Perlas stressed, "For the record, 'StarTalk' maintains responsible showbiz reporting."

The video shows two men engaged in sexual intercourse. The talk show report said the one wearing a necklace, or scapular, could be Pascual.

Pami officer Shirley Kuan-Saldias said "no one member" of her group could decide on the matter. "We all have to sit down to discuss the issue before we [draft] an official statement," Kuan said in a phone interview. "We will wait for (Pami President) June (Rufino) to come back."

Rufino is currently in Japan, Kuan added. "But we acknowledge Star Magic's protest. They wrote to us because they recognize our efforts in fighting unethical journalism."

Last February, the MTRCB reprimanded ABS-CBN's talk show "The Buzz" for airing a "very explicit" version of a reported sex video featuring comedian Ethel Booba and her boyfriend, basketball player Alex Crisano.

Laguardia reiterated on Wednesday that all networks should be careful when using video footage of "sensitive subjects," especially during time slots when children are sure to be watching.

Brooke Shields takes 'Chicago' role in UK

LONDON—Brooke Shields will make her British stage debut next month in "Chicago," starring as the hard-boiled jailbird Roxie Hart, the show's publicist said Tuesday.

Shields will appear for nine weeks starting April 26, Peter Thompson Associates said.

Her previous stage appearances include the New York productions of "Cabaret," "Exonerated" and "Grease." Last year the actress starred in the Broadway musical "Wonderful Town."

The London run of "Chicago" marked its seventh anniversary in November. *AP*

Tears at 'Hotel Rwanda' premiere

KIGALI—The Rwandan premiere of "Hotel Rwanda," the Oscar-nominated film chronicling the country's 1994 genocide, brought tears from survivors and some angry accusations that the movie underplayed the cold-blooded precision of the slaughter.

Thousands of Rwanda's genocide survivors, politicians and military men gathered on Monday night in the capital Kigali's main stadium to watch the screening.

The film portrays the 100 days of vicious killings in which 800,000 Tutsis and politically moderate Hutus were hacked or shot to death by Hutu militants.

Many wept as scenes of Hutu militia bursting into Tutsi hiding places played out on the screen, and others applauded one scene where the Tutsi rebels who are now Rwanda's rulers killed Hutu fighters.

The Hollywood drama is based on the story of hotel manager Paul Rusesabagina and his wife who hid and saved over 1,200 refugees in his Kigali hotel during the genocide.

Mammie Uwineza, a survivor who lost 18 relatives including her parents, could not hold her tears back as she watched machete-wielding militia slaughter people on the screen.

"It reminds me of my people," she said, leaning her head on a relative. "They were killed in a similar way."

Survivor Pascal Manzi, 28, told Reuters that the film would reveal Rwanda's tragedy to the world, although he complained it sometimes underplayed the horrifying reality.

He criticized a scene in which Rusesabagina uses his influence to bribe Gen. Augustine Bizimungu, Rwanda's army chief of staff at the time, with money and alcohol to save hundreds in the hotel.

"At that time, such a general only gave orders with a gun pointing to your neck," he said.

"That particular part downplays the issue of planning the genocide by portraying this general as a man killing people under the influence of alcohol," Manzi told Reuters.

Three films on the Rwandan genocide have come in the past year. Director Raoul Peck's "Sometimes in April" made its Rwandan debut at Kigali's national stadium in January.

Soon to be screened in Kigali is "Shooting Dogs," which was filmed in the actual locations of some of the killings, and used survivors in the cast and crew.

Reuters

Calayan's no rival—Belo

By Nini Valera

"I DON'T see (Dr. Manny) Calayan as a rival. It's the media that created [the supposed competition]. They did that to me before with Joey Mendez. Now they're pitting me against Calayan."

This was how beauty doctor Viki Belo explained to INQUIRER Entertainment her position on the recent liposuction procedure done by Calayan on couturier Rene Salud, her co-host in the beauty segment of ABS-CBN's "Magandang Umaga Bayan."

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Nora Aunor as I know her

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Dolly Ann Carvajal

WHEN I first heard about **Nora Aunor**'s arrest at the Los Angeles airport for possession of shabu, my mind went full speed on flashback mode. Ate Guy and my mom (the late Lourdes **"Inday Badiday" Carvajal**) had history. They rose to fame at the same time. Nora is so much a part of my childhood memories as jackstones, bicycles and paper dolls. Even in the wee hours, she would knock on our door, running to my mom's side. She was practically a fixture in our family gatherings. My mom could have written a book about all of the superstar's deepest, darkest secrets. If my mom were still around today, for sure Ate Guy would have called her right the minute she was caught in LA. I can almost hear my mom say (with her signature throaty chuckle) "Si Guy *talaga, oo*!"

Mom shared a lot of "Nora Aunor" stories with me. Too bad I am not at liberty to divulge them

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PEOPLE keep complaining that they don't get to see enough good movies these days. Film buffs who know how to surf the film channels on cable TV would disagree, however. This month, for instance, these outstanding film treats are on view on HBO:

Today, 11:25 a.m., **"Little Nikita"**: Young Jeff Grant learns from FBI agent Roy Parmenter (**Sidney Poitier**) that his parents are deep-cover Soviet spies. While having to deal with the turmoil that comes with being a teenager, Jeff is torn between his love for his family and his love for his country, as he struggles to cope with the secret that has turned his world upside down, and catapulted him into the dangerous world of international espionage. **River Phoenix** plays Jeff Grant.

April 11 at 6 a.m., **"City by the Sea"**: In this drama based on a true story by Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist **Mike Mc Alary**, a police detective struggles to come to terms with the sins of his father. Yet he makes the terrible discovery that his own son has fallen into a life of crime. **Robert De Niro, Frances McDormand** and **James Franco** star.

April 11 at 12:45 p.m., **"The Emperor's Club"**: At a private school for boys, assistant headmaster William Hundert (**Kevin Kline**) is an impassioned, principled Classics professor who tries to inspire his students to live exemplary lives. Then, Sedgewick Bell (**Emile Hirsch**), a senator's son, becomes an instant magnet for his classmates with his charisma, confidence, and brash challenges to the school system. Each day at school becomes a battle of wills between teacher and student.

Then, Sedgewick's father convinces the professor that he and his problem student share a bond that would make it possible to give up on the boy. Hundert begins to bend his rules, and his efforts begin to have a profound effect on his student, and on himself as well.

April 13 at 2 p.m., "**Anger Management**": Dave Buznick (**Adam Sandler**) was a mouse until he met therapist from hell

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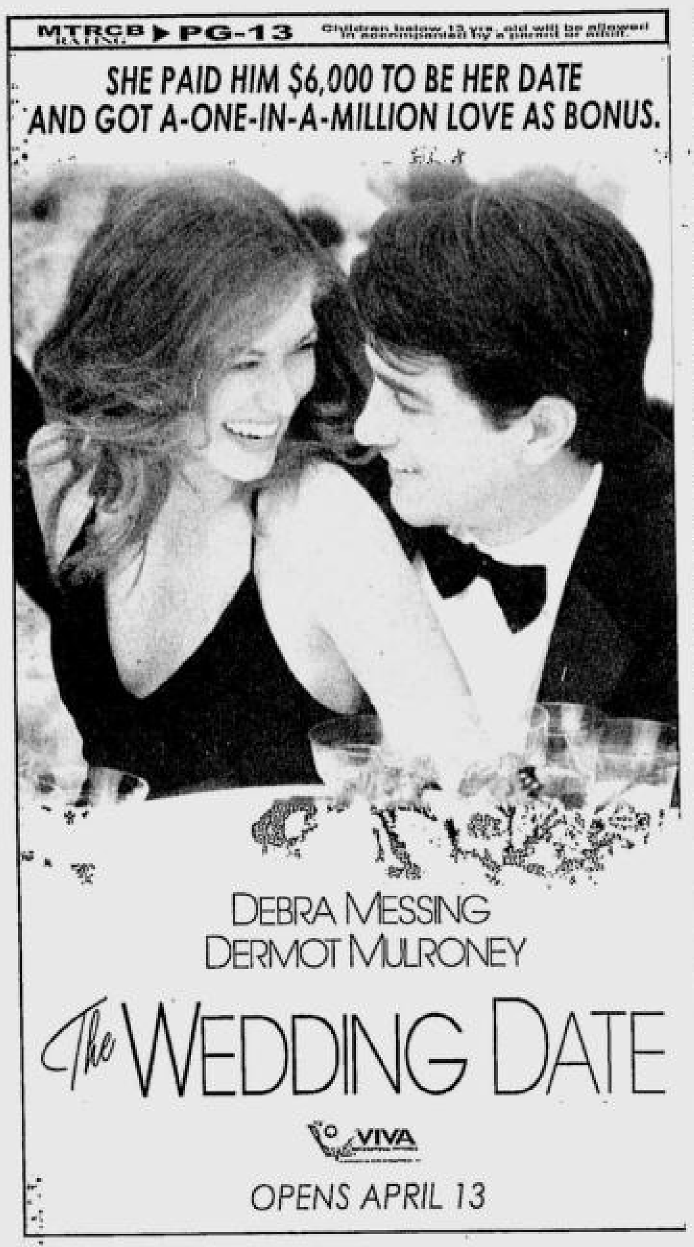
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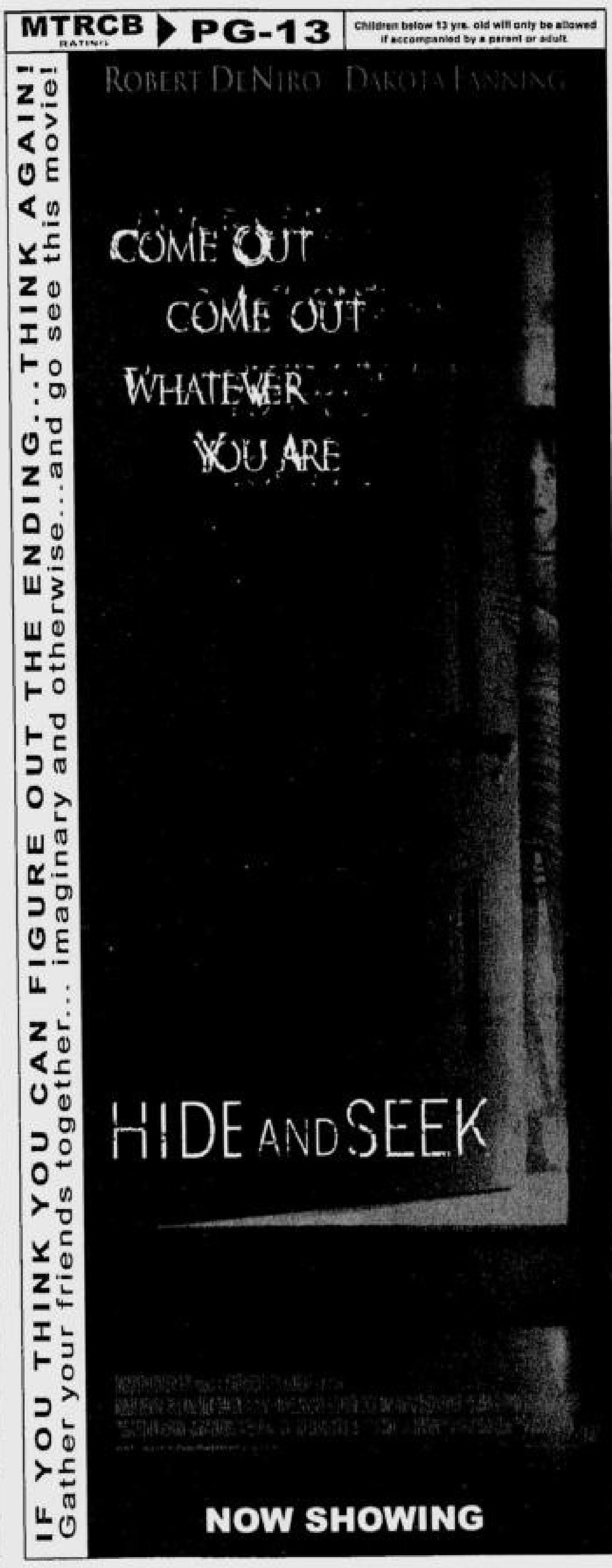
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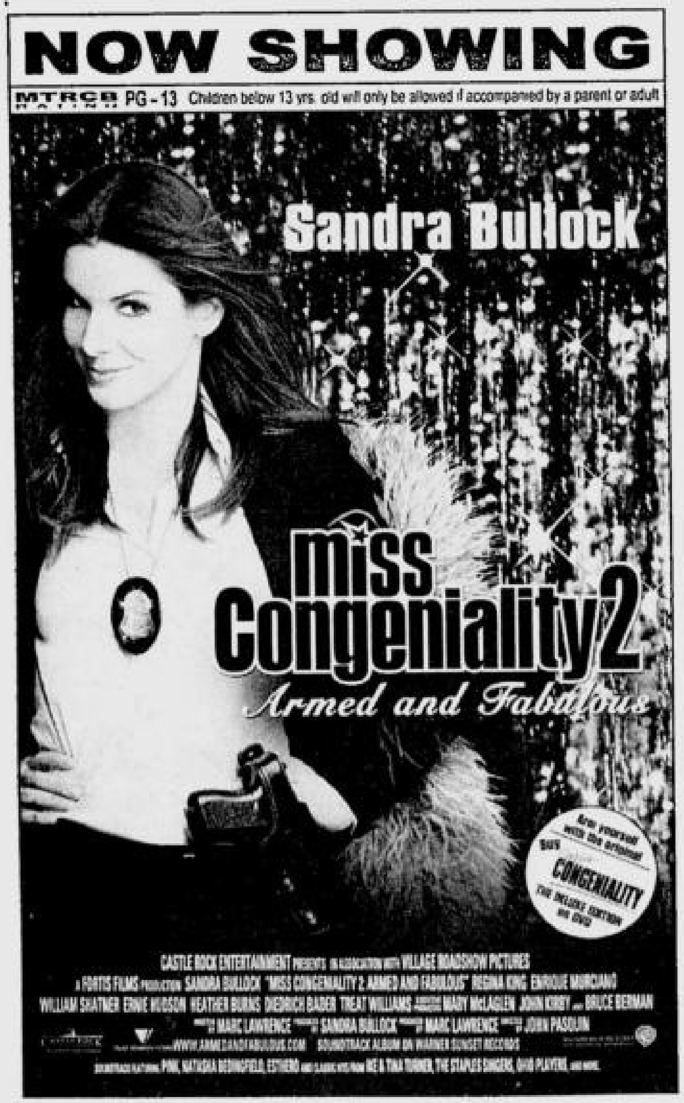
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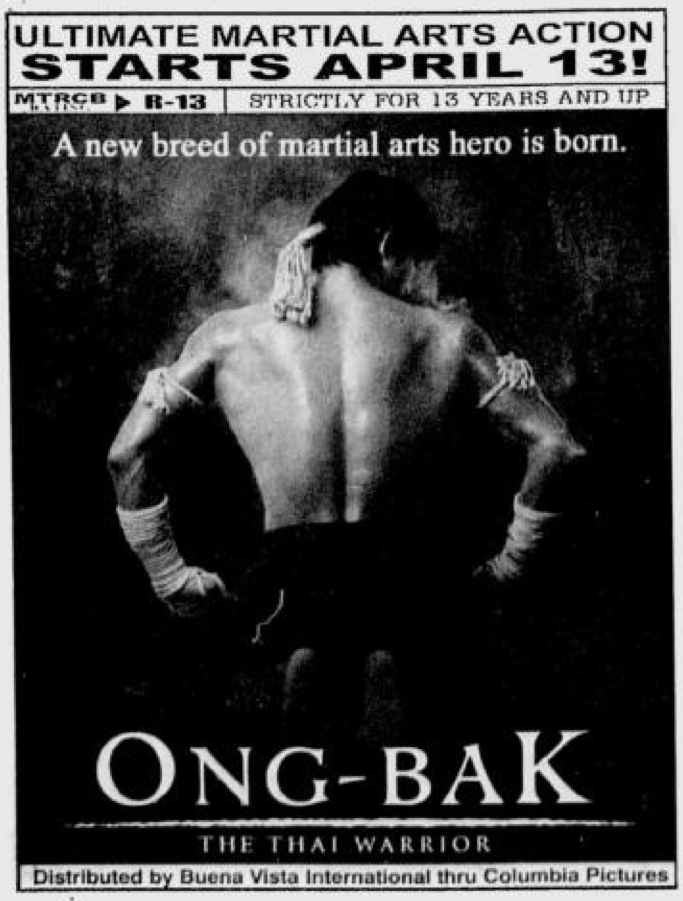
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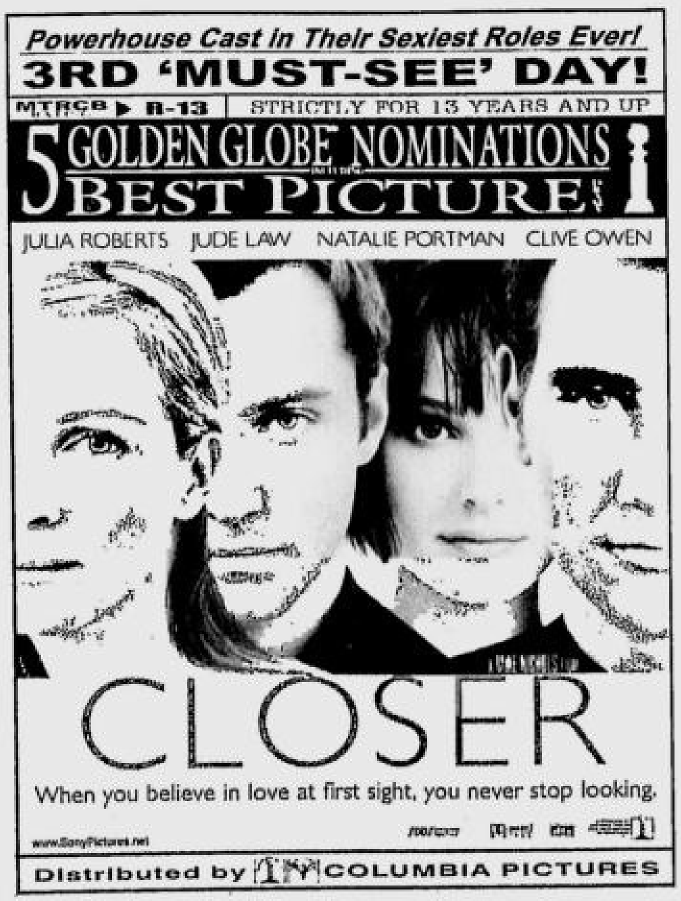
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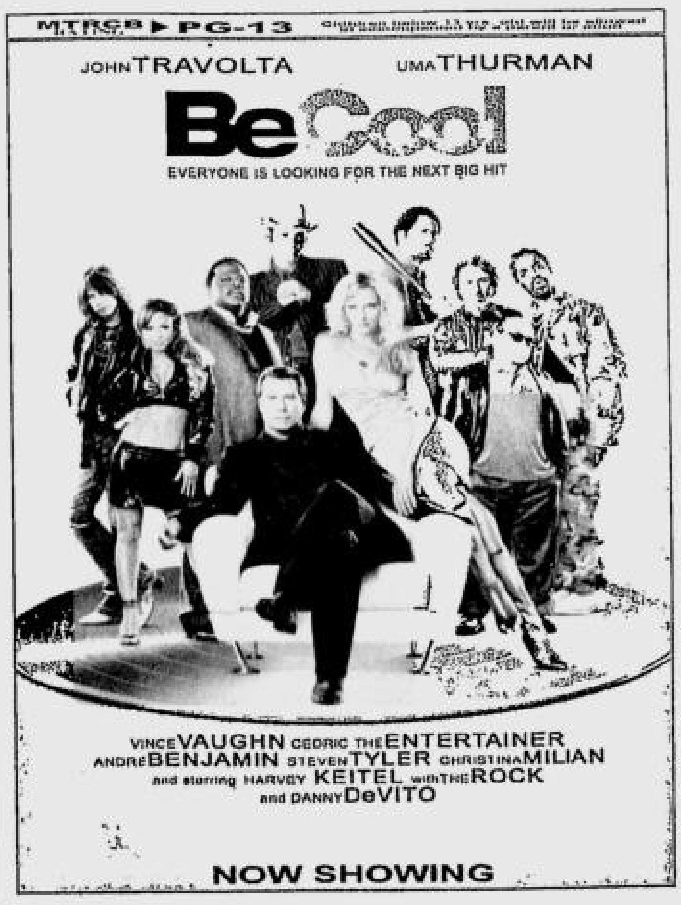
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4 at 3:25 a.m., **"The Secret Life of** Marcia Carter **(Mia Farrow)** he knew her daughter Zooey well. divorced, her busy schedule pre- from seeing Zooey's unhappiness hunted from parent to parent—and rts a downward spiral with drugs. rious overdose, social worker Mike **Andrew McCarthy)** tells Zooey's hat she has to undergo a substance gram. Thus begins Zooey's ardu- etermined climb to recovery.

5 at 11:05 a.m., **"Pontiac Moon"**: of 1969, the Apollo XI mission is last off. But the spaceship isn't the ch—professor Ted Bellamy (**Ted** also has a special mission up his father-son road trip in his 1949 vintage Pontiac that will begin when the shuttle countdown hits zero.

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April 16 at 9 p.m., **"Mystic River"**: The best viewing treat this month, this dark, heart-wrenching drama by Clint Eastwood focuses on three childhood friends whose lives violently intertwine and unravel: A boy is spirited away in a car. Several years later, the boys are now grown men. A tragic event, the murder of reformed hoodlum Jimmy's (**Sean Penn**) teenage daughter Kate, throws the whole town into turmoil. With Jimmy crying for revenge, Sean (**Kevin Bacon**), now a police officer, and his partner Whitney (**Laurence Fishburne**) must find out who killed Jimmy's daughter.

Suspicions abound, and as the search nears its twisted end, the three friends are forced to look back on that fateful day when they lost their innocence. Penn and Robbins won Best Actor and Best Supporting Actor awards respectively at the Oscars and Golden Globes.

RIVER showing on April 16, 9 p.m.

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uffice it to say that like other celebrity, Ate Guy vs needs an emotional h of some sort. We all our drug of choice. As a rstar, her reality is differ- om ours but that should xempt her from a wake- ll when necessary.

hat Nora needs now well-meaning friends know that friendship always saying, "Yes, yes!" It's hard to tell one dear to us what needs to hear instead of she wants to. Big stars a Aunor are surround- so many "characters" make up their cordon aire. They've got to the demarcation line where, lest the com- one turn out to be the er zone as well.

pefully, the superstar t need superpowers I don't mean her link President GMA) to hur- ll the odds at her ar- ment on April 21. As a show-biz icon, her e or vindication is ours ll.

notes

that **Jomari Yllana's** l friend "Ms. Den- " (Thea) has made a appearance on "Lagot susumbong Kita," does an that she'll soon join biz too? The Danish beauty was a natural. Even if she did not understand the Tagalog lines of the cast, she coasted along pretty well. Not too long ago, she was camera-shy and refused to grant interviews. But now it looks like Jom's charms have made her shed all her inhibitions. (And who shed tears? Was **Ara Mina** watching?)

No doubt that **Cindy Curleto** is one of the most refreshing faces to ever hit our TV screens. Her new soap commercial suits her perfectly. But when **Joey Marquez** interviewed Cindy on S-Files regarding her beauty secrets it came across as so contrived. In their headlines segment they even made it appear like Cindy was going to disrobe or something to that effect. It was obviously a product promo. Too bad they could not think of a publicity slant that would come across as effortless as Cindy's beauty.

After an ad for a fast-food chain's latest sandwich was aired, I could not help but laugh when a kid asked me "Why does that ad tell us to eat while dancing? My *ate* got appendecitis that way!" All I could utter was "Oh my Golly gee! (no pun intended)

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alayan's no rival

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ee Belo Medical group ing in a league of its ' she said in an exclu- nterview. "I don't com- with other people. I just ete with myself."

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lo has yet to get over erce media battle with r pal Rosanna Roces ear. The former talk host had accused the r of performing a ed liposuction proce- on her. Belo has since libel charges against .

ast year was a very year for me," Belo tted. "I wished it ld] end right away. I never faced a single uit in my whole life then. We were ds for seven years. ally, with friends, if we fought, we d just walk away. with Osang, it was a vicious thing. It was a very confusing time for me. It affected me emotionally."

But she admitted that Osang's allegations also harmed her practice.

"I'm sure a lot of people [believed her]," she said. "In medicine, trust is very,

very important. [Patients] should trust you a hundred percent. With what happened,

I'm sure a lot of people no longer trusted me, or there were doubts in their mind. I think I lost a lot of prospective clients. I do know of some people who actually didn't go through with their liposuction because of the things Osang said.

"But the thing that really made last year the worst year was that my Dad died. He was 82, and my biggest fear was that I would lose one of my parents."

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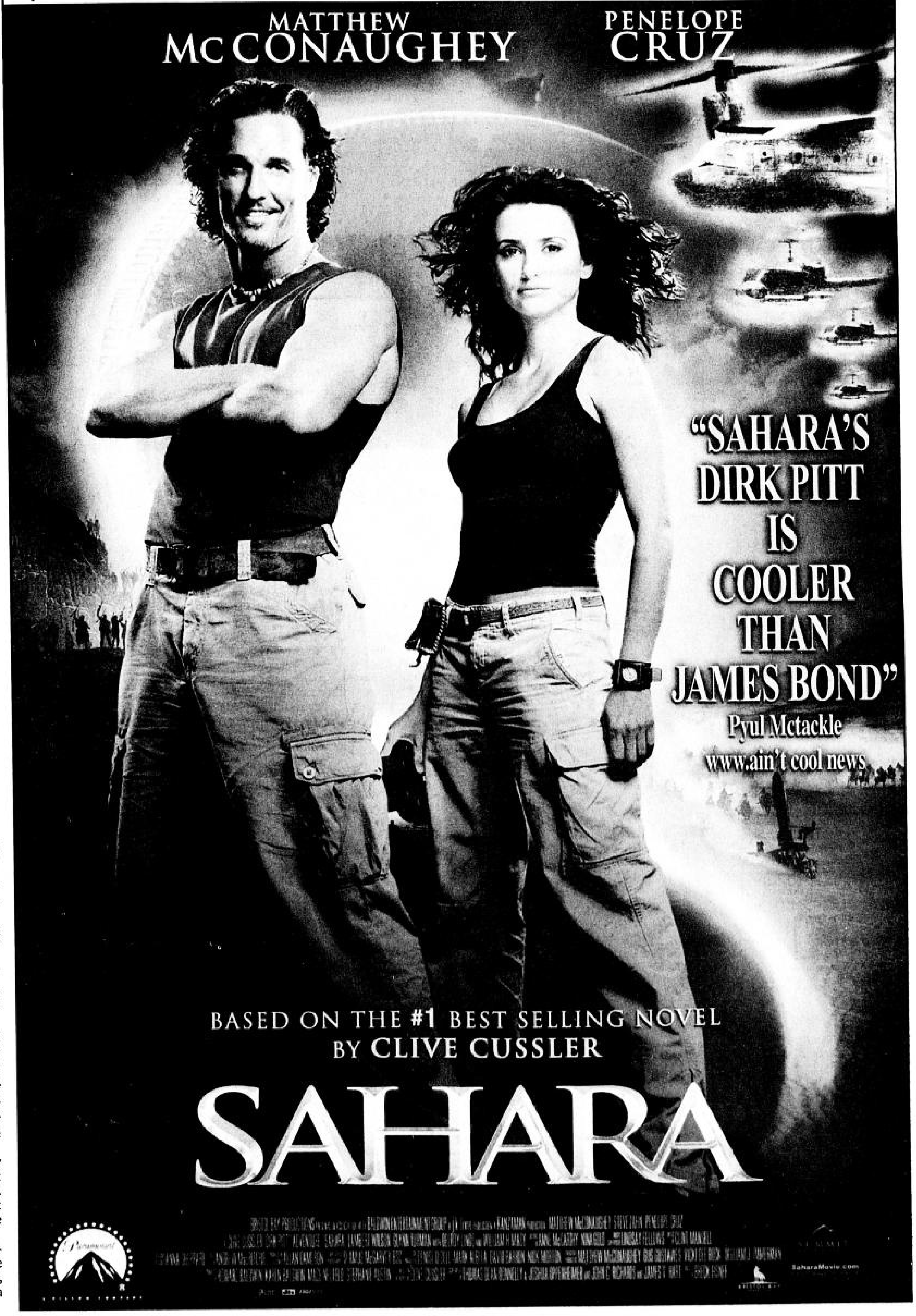
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Songkran at Benjarong Royal Thai Restaurant

THE 'SONGKRAN' festival means more than mere revelry. When talking about 'Songkran', most people think of a long holiday, unusually deserted streets, fun-filled water splashing and merry making. 'Songkran' is a Sanskrit word which means to rise, shift or move, signifying the entry of the sun into a new sign of Zodiac.

The Thai traditional New Year or 'Songkran' starts on the 13th of April, which is called 'Maha' or Major 'Songkran.' In Thailand, it is the time of year when they celebrate the bounties of harvest. Aside from Thailand, other countries also celebrate Songkran like Myanmar, Cambodia, and Laos.

This month, feast on an exotic culinary journey from April 11 to 24, as Dusit Hotel Nikko's Benjarong Royal Thai Restaurant joins the neighboring countries in celebrating the "Songkran". The restaurant will showcase Thailand's four gastronomic regions during this period and guests partaking on this special menu for lunch or dinner will get a complimentary glass of "Chrysanthemum Thai Tea" - the featured Thai Drink of the Month. This special tea, derived from a dried flower from the northern part of Thailand, is said to contain healthy components to keep the digestive system in top condition. Priced at P120++ per glass and offered for the whole month of April only at Benjarong.

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Somerset Millennium hosts Speed Dating 3

THE PENTHOUSE of Somerset Millennium, Makati was adorned with candles, oversized throw pillows, low tables and soft golden fabric that hung from the ceiling as Six Degrees went Moroccan style with Speed Dating 3! The event held last March brought together 15 male and female participants in an evening of good food, engaging conversation and new friends. A new and creative way to meet new people and broaden your contacts, Speed Dating 3 features interaction with all the participants in a span of three minutes each. Six Degrees organizer, Ferdie Ong shares, "We organize these events for a lot of different reasons like for people to meet new friends, new business networks, or even meet their special someone. But most especially we want people to have fun. In all of our events, we work had in providing the guests with good venue, good food and good company."

The activity, which was enthusiastically received by a diverse mix of people, is one of a series of Six Degrees events held at Somerset Millennium, Makati in Legaspi Village, Makati City. Speed dating 3 participant, Jane from Makati says "I have a very busy work schedule and most of the people I meet are from work. When one of my friends told me about this new way to meet a circle of friends, I joined and from this, I now have met a whole new group." There are a lot more in store for single people looking for friends and activity partners. For those who wish to engage in this new and innovative program, Speed Dater Sherwin Yu recommends "Be open minded. There are many relationship possibilities, love, friendship and business."

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Bangko Sentral raises interest rates

By Doris C. Dumlao

FOR THE first time in nearly five years, the policy-making Monetary Board of the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas yesterday raised its key overnight rates by 25 basis points to ward off further inflationary pressures from skyrocketing global oil prices.

Bangko Sentral Officer-in-Charge Alberto Reyes yesterday said the policy-making board raised the overnight borrowing or reverse repurchase rate to 7 percent and the overnight lending or repurchase rate to 9.25 percent as a "preemptive move."

These rates were last adjusted upward in October 2000 but were eased afterwards. Since July 2003 until the Monetary Board's policy-setting meeting yesterday, these rates were kept steady at 6.75 percent for the overnight borrowing and 9 percent for the overnight lending rate.

The country's inflation rate peaked at 8.5 percent in March, the same rate in the previous month based on the updated 2000 consumer price index.

BSP officials noted that pressures from consumer demand remained limited to date given high unemployment, modest credit growth and spare capacity in manufacturing.

"However, the upside risks to the inflation outlook have increased given prevailing expectations for international oil prices, which are expected to remain high for the foreseeable future," Reyes said.

He said recent supply-side developments—particularly the increases in oil prices—might already be fueling higher inflationary expectations.

"While the main driver of inflation is still coming from supply side factors, there are some demand pressures that are beginning to emerge although these are limited. Inflationary expectations are going up so the (Monetary Board) decided to raise interest rates to manage these expectations," said BSP Deputy Governor Amando Tetangco Jr.

Tetangco, who will become the next BSP governor effective this July, has previously signaled the institution's shift from "neutral" to tighter monetary bias.

The board expressed concern that cost-push from rising oil prices and other supply-side factors, combined with falling real wages and rising inflation expectations, implied a greater risk that the public would expect inflation to further spiral away from the government's target.

"Such changes in inflation expectations have an impact on overall price- and wage-setting behavior in the economy," Reyes said.

"Under these circumstances, the (Monetary Board) believed that a measured increase in policy interest rates can help prevent rising inflationary expectations from becoming widespread and entrenched and prevent ongoing

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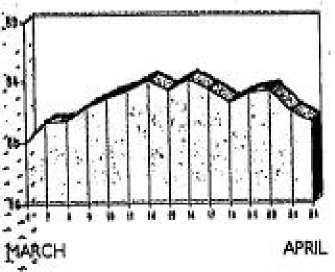

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Shares close 2.45% lower

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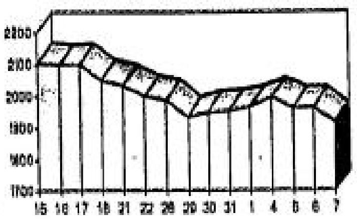

SHARE prices yesterday closed 2.45 percent lower due to fears that the central bank might raise interest rates, dealers said.

The delay in the passage of a crucial tax measure and the prospects of slower economic growth as the government grapples with its fiscal problems also helped send market players to the sidelines, the dealers added.

The Philippine Stock Exchange composite index fell 48.16 points to 1,914.22 after trading between 1,907.21 and 1,962.38.

Volume hit 764.8 million shares worth P1.88 billion. The broader all-shares index fell 9.88 points to 1,178.82.

Losers beat gainers 88 to 12, with 30 stocks ending unchanged.

"The central bank has telegraphed that it has to reconsider its current stance and investors are positioning themselves to stay neutral ahead of a possible rate hike," said Jonathan Ravelas, market strategist at Banco De Oro Universal Bank.

"Higher interest rates could pull down the economy. It would hit all key sectors of the economy as it would make doing business more costly," Ravelas added.

James Lago of Westlink Global Equities said emerging markets like the Philippines were experiencing a short-term exodus of funds as investor preference shifts to the United States because of rising US interest rates.

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Survey shows RP firms still optimistic

By Michelle V. Remo

MORE medium-sized companies in the Philippines have become optimistic about their future prospects, believing that uncertainties in the economic environment have somewhat waned under the Arroyo administration.

According to the International Business Owners Survey 2005, conducted by consultancy organization Grant Thornton International, the optimism level of medium-sized enterprises in the Philippines significantly improved to +50 for 2005 from –1 last year. The figures represent the difference between the number of optimistic and pessimistic respondents.

The survey covered 150 medium-sized enterprises in the Philippines, and 6,300 respondents in all 24 participating countries.

"We credit this for the resolution of the GMA presidency. The result of the election, no matter how some people feel about it, has settled the uncertainty," said Greg Navarro, managing partner and chief executive officer of Punongbayan & Araullo.

Since businesses put a high premium on a sustained regulatory environment, Navarro said the extension of President Macapagal-Arroyo's term eased the climate of uncertainty locally. Similarly, the reelection of US President George W. Bush also re-

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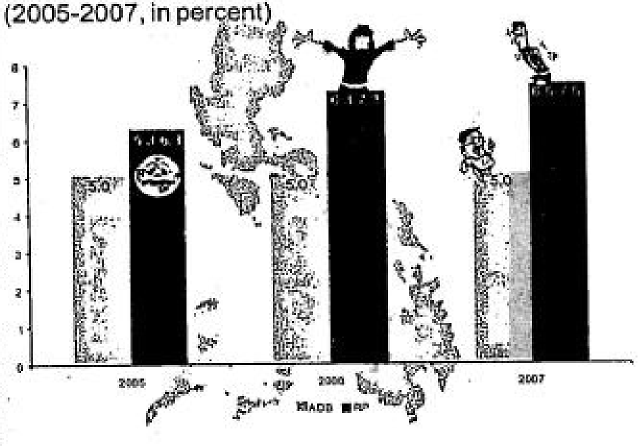

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THE ASIAN Development Bank said the Philippine government's gross domestic product (GDP) growth targets might be too high. The bank said the growth rates for this year until 2007 would be the same at 5 percent.

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Boracay's fairer waters

COCKTALES

Victor C. Agustin

IF NOEL Cariño backslaps people nowadays like he had actually won the Pasig congressional elections, it is most likely because he can now finally finish his baby, Fairways and Bluewater Resort Golf and Country Club, in the country's hottest tourist destination, Boracay.

Like its parent, the Fil-Estate Group, the 126-hectare project, which covers a tenth of the world-famous island, fell victim to the regional currency crisis. Half-finished shells of villas overgrown with vegetation—called, much like the bombed-out barracks of Corregidor, the "Boracay ruins"—line the 18-hole hilly golf course, the latter luckily finished.

But all the Failed-Estate jokes should be history very soon, as Fairways has partnered with a deep-pocketed consortium that would finish, in 16 months, the 21 low-rise "villas" that it had originally promised to deliver in 2001 had not the financial tsunami swamped the region.

In all, a total of P1 billion would be pumped in to finish the project by Thai and Chinese funders, whose chief local partners include George Yang of McDonald's and Jose Chung of MC Home Depot. Strangely, Chung did not wish to be identified, and even jokingly told a nosy columnist that his name was "George Yang."

To shield itself from whatever financial entanglements Fil-Estate and its related College Assurance Plan may have, Fairways devolved a new corporation, MC New Coast Resort and Villatel Corp., for the joint venture, whose counsel, Miguelito Ocampo, used to be a chief private lawyer, along with his elder brother Antonio, of taipan Lucio Tan, until his *kuya* had a hard falling-out with the Kapitan. But we are digressing.

Already, Chinese engineers from the China State Construction, which built the new Hong Kong airport passenger terminal building, have committed to finish the first nine, three-story buildings, 270 hotel rooms in all plus a number of two-three bedroom suites, in one year.

The consortium plans to sell the 55 sqm and 70 sqm all-suite rooms, all with balconies overlooking the fairway, at P4.2 million and P5.3 million each respectively to local and foreign buyers.

The buyer will have to agree to lease the unit back to the Fairways hotel for the first 15 years, in return for a 90-percent share of the room tariff and the equivalent of one-month free use of the unit for every year.

Fairways, in turn, plans to let the rooms at $100 to $120 a night, about the going rate in the island now, when the first 100 units of the condotel get delivered by December.

In all, Boracay has about 2,500 hotel rooms now, of which Fairways currently has 90. Fairways' partners should add 580 more rooms by 2006, about the same time that telecom heir Choy Cojuangco shall have finished his 25-room apartment-hotel.

The Discovery Group of the Tiu family is also joining the action with an 80-room hotel now in the drawing boards.

At the top tier, Rockwell and Shangri-La are both in the midst of negotiations with the locals, according to the grapevine, to acquire their respective sites. Shangri-La, which has secured 12 hectares and is adding eight more, plans to push the envelope further with a rumored $350/night room rate and, hold your breath, $500/night villas.

(Tip: Those seeking a secluded Boracay should check out the two still undeveloped coves of Fairways. Except for a grazing cow and three bleating goats, the two adjoining coves are empty of beachcombers and swimmers.)

Money-go-round

- TAIPAN Henry Sy Sr. says he and his Sysmart Corp. already control 52.753 percent of China Banking Corp.
- SOTHEBY'S has closed down its Manila office, following the resignation of its Philippine representative, Kim Camacho.
- CHRYSLER is inaugurating its new dealer showroom on Monday, with the hot 300C as stellar attraction. The new CATS dealer could wangle only three units of the American Car of the Year as initial shipment, all of them already pre-sold at P2.25 million each.

Heard through the grapevine

SEN. Loi Estrada was briefly held at the San Francisco International Airport because her fingerprints taken upon arrival did not match those in the State Department visa application file, the Philippine News reported, quoting a US Customs and Border Protection official.

Hmmm, which "Mrs. Estrada", or how many "Mrs. Estradas", could have been in the State Department files?

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BPI to sell ₱6B worth of loans, assets this year

By Doris C. Dumlao

BANK of the Philippine Islands plans to sell up to P6 billion worth of bad loans and idle assets this year.

BPI president Aurelio Montinola III told reporters after the bank's stockholders meeting yesterday that the bank was hoping to sell P3 billion worth of non-performing loans and P3 billion worth of idle assets this year.

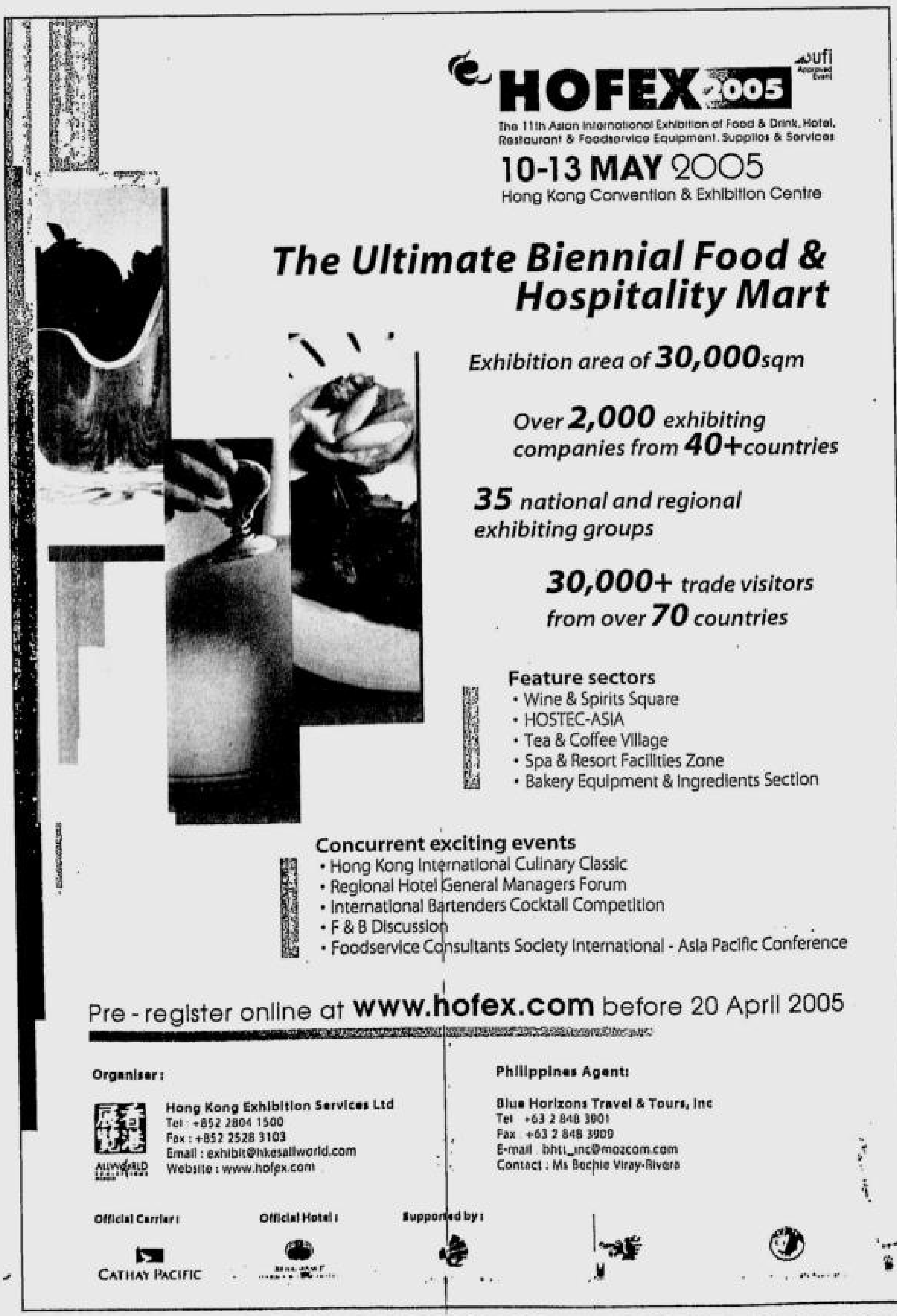
Last year, the bank sold non-performing loans to Morgan Stanley Emerging Markets Inc. with total claims of P8.6 billion but with a book value of P4.5 billion. He said the bank was even able to book some gains as these loans had been fully written off.

It also sold P2 billion worth of idle assets last year.

Montinola said the bank would be more aggressive in selling these assets this year to take advantage of the much-improved investor interest in the property sector.

BPI senior vice president for asset recovery group Senen Matoto said the bank would benefit from an extension of the Special Purpose Vehicle Law in selling these assets, but it would unload them even without the extension.

The SPV Law, which took effect in April last year, intends to help banks get rid of their bad assets by waiving some of the taxes and reducing fees usually collected in the sale or transfer of assets.



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DTI files cases against 27 emission testing centers

By Ronnel W. Domingo

THE DEPARTMENT of Trade and Industry yesterday said it had filed administrative charges against 27 private emission testing centers for violating the terms of their DTI accreditation.

Jesus L. Motoomull, director of the DTI's Bureau of Product Standards, said the violations were discovered during joint monitoring efforts with the Department of Transportation and Communications and the Department of Environment and Natural Resources.

The monitoring activities covered Metro Manila and the Ilocos, Cagayan Valley and Central Luzon regions.

He said the move came after the DTI ordered the suspension of operations of 40 PETCs for violations that included the lack of an official signboard and displays that explain test methods and procedures.

PETCs are required to display signboards that show the DTI and DOTC-LTO seals, their certificate of accreditation of the company and of its technicians, and the list of prices charged for testing and re-testing vehicles.

"Such signboards guide consumers in choosing credible and valid emission testing services," Motoomull said. "They also prove that each PETC is authorized to provide services."

PETCs test whether the exhaust emission of vehicles comply with the standards set by the Clean Air Act of 1999.

A certificate saying a vehicle passed emission tests is required for registering vehicles with the DOTC-Land Transportation Office.

"The BPS has taken appropriate action on complaints received from concerned consumers and automotive organizations," Motoomull said.

"(This is) to ensure the public that the services provided by PETCs are reliable and that test results are valid," he added.

As of March 31, 2005, the DTI has accredited a total of 449 PETCs to cater to the demand for emission testing services.

But in February, Motoomull said it had stopped accepting new applications for accreditation of PETC because there were already too many of them.

The moratorium that came into force last Feb. 16 covered 87 districts in 12 regions.

"The BPS, through the recommendation of the DTI Regional Operations Group, (made the move) to prevent unhealthy competition among PETCs and to protect the interest of consumers availing the services of these establishments," Motoomull said.

A DTI-ROG study found that the number of PETCs has exceeded the estimated demand of PETC lanes nationwide.

This resulted in the oversupply of emission testing services in some areas.

The DTI-ROG also reported that there were claims of price undercharging and cutthroat competition in several service areas, pushing it to recommend a moratorium on PETC applications for several areas.

"With these measures, the Bureau intends to safeguard the existing investments of accredited PETCs and create a competitive market environment that would encourage them to continuously improve the quality of their services," Motoomull said.

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supply shocks from generating second-round effects," he added.

Another risk to inflation considered by the board was the likelihood of declining interest rate differentials and possible adverse shifts in investor sentiment due to delays in needed tax measures.

"Recent increases in liquidity growth due to external inflows are also being monitored closely, because of the potential implications of the additional liquidity for exchange market stability and the inflation path," Reyes said.

In late March, the US Federal Reserve raised its overnight funds rate by another 25 basis points to 2.75 percent, the seventh quarterly consecutive increase since it began to boost interest rates to curb inflationary pressures.

The BSP had tried to hold off its own rate increases despite pressures from the US Fed's own tightening measures.

The International Monetary Fund, in a recent country report, said the BSP must start raising interest rates "to guide inflationary pressures down," projecting that inflation would again overshoot the official ceiling of 5-6 percent this year.

Sy investment company increases stake in Belle Corp.

By Elizabeth L. Sanchez

INVESTMENT firm Sysmart Corp. of tycoon Henry Sy has increased its stake in property holding firm Belle Corp. to 10 percent from 8.34 percent.

In a report to the Philippine Stock Exchange, Sysmart said it had acquired an additional 1.71-percent stake, equivalent to 108.7 million shares, at P1.42 per share.

The move raised the company's total Belle Corp. shares to 638.53 million as of end-March from the previous level of 529.83 million.

Sysmart has investments in various listed firms including Belle Corp., Highlands Prime, and China Banking Corp.

Belle vice chair Willy Ocier said the investment showed the Sy group's commitment to Belle Corp. and its confidence in the company's management.

Sources said the shares were bought from holding firm iVantage Corp. and from the market.

iVantage, which has interests in technology firms and International Exchange Bank, has been consolidating its investments since last year, as it re-engineers itself to be a financial services-focused company.

Belle has managed to trim its debt from P10 billion in 1997 to P2.7 billion to date.

Survey

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duced economic uncertainties in the global arena, he said.

The survey was conducted in September and October last year, while the elections were held in the first half of 2004.

The optimism of businesses covered the area of generating income. The survey said more companies, at +62, believed they would have higher turnover this year than the previous year. The figure was an improvement from last year's +49, and close to the world average of +63.

But although more companies are optimistic for 2005, they point at several expected constraints to businesses. These were those related to regulation and red tape (+40), availability of skilled workforce (+21), reduced demand (+24), shortage of working capital (+12), shortage of long-term finance (+11), and the cost of finance (+17).

Navarro said that while companies were optimistic about the performance of their businesses, they exercised caution on how the constraints might affect them.

"Most companies registered increase in revenues (last year), but it took so hard for them to get there. This was because they had to deal with red tape, change in rules, regulations," he explained.

Navarro said that the concern for red tape was not only peculiar to the Philippines as companies in other countries also cited this as a major business constraint. "It has been a worldwide phenomenon. I don't think we are a stranger to that."

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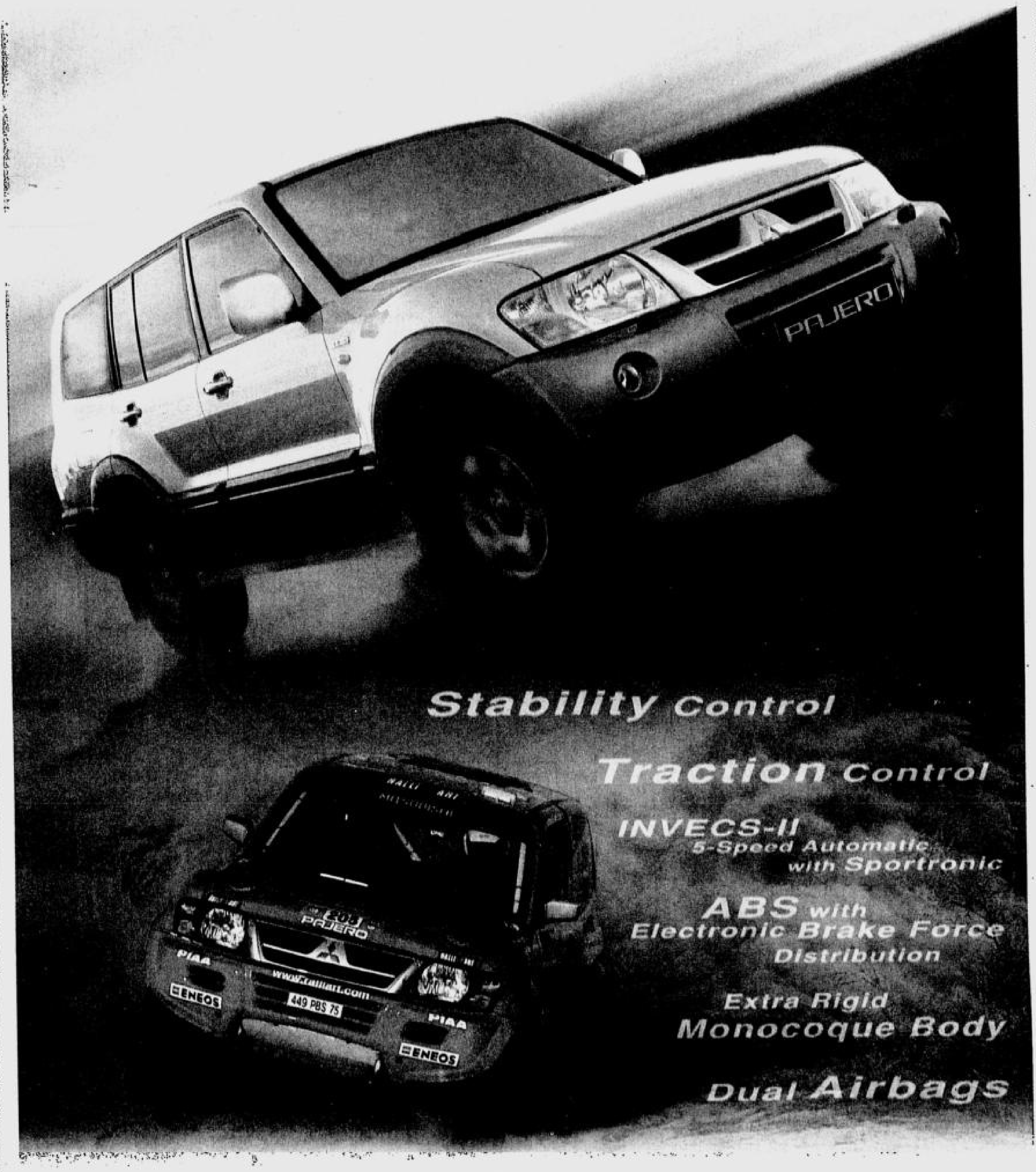
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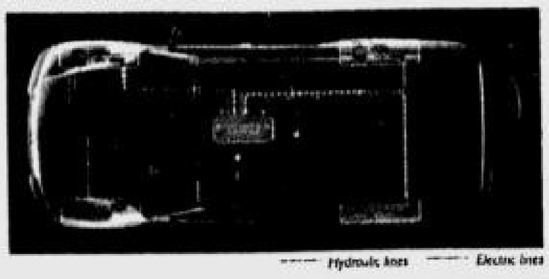

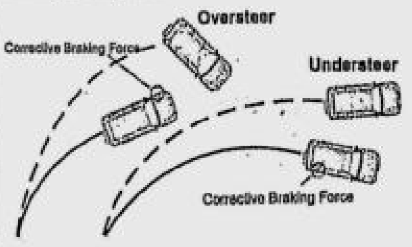

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Forex reserves hit 10-mo high

By Doris C. Dumlao

THE COUNTRY'S gross international reserves hit a new 10-month high of $16.531 billion in March largely due to the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas' purchases of US dollars from the spot market and the windfall from its foreign investments.

The BSP yesterday said this was slightly up from the restated GIR of $16.53 billion as of end-February.

The higher dollar purchases and earnings posted by the BSP helped the national government and the central bank meet their foreign exchange requirements for repayment of maturing obligations, BSP officer-in-charge Alberto Reyes said in a statement.

The three-month GIR build-up was also steady compared with the $16.534 billion posted in end-March last year.

The GIR—composed of the BSP's gross foreign currency holdings, gold reserves, special drawing rights from multilateral institutions and foreign investments—serves as an indicator of the country's ability to service the foreign exchange requirements of the economy.

The current GIR level is enough to cover about 3.7 months of imports of goods and payments of services and income, Reyes said.

"This level was also equivalent to 3.5 times the country's short-term debt based on original maturity and 1.7 times based on residual maturity," he added.

The GIR rose in February as the national government deposited with the BSP the proceeds from a global bond issue that will fall due in 2030.

The strong inflows of portfolio investments since the start of the year, which have led to the appreciation of the peso against the US dollar, also gave the BSP the opportunity to purchase greenbacks from the Philippine Dealing System.

In the meantime, the BSP said its net international reserves as of end-March, inclusive of revaluation of reserve assets and reserve-related liabilities, rose to $15.41 billion from $15.26 billion as of end-February.

The BSP expects its GIR to stay flat at $14-$15 billion this year, the same level targeted last year, amid a cautious outlook on the global business environment.

For this year, the BSP expects the country to spend about $4.5 billion for foreign debt servicing, about $1 billion less than the requirements estimated in 2004.

The slowdown in these financing requirements, along with the much-improved portfolio investment inflows, is seen to contribute to the projected swing to a balance of payment surplus this year and further lessen pressures on the peso exchange rate against the US dollar.

Ayala raises regular cash dividend by 33%

By Elizabeth L. Sanchez

AYALA Corp. yesterday announced a 33-percent increase in the company's regular cash dividend to shareholders to eight centavos from six centavos a share.

Ayala said the increase in dividend was a result of improved cash flow and the decline in net debt to P30 billion from P35 billion in the previous year.

Dividends received from subsidiaries amounted to P4.7 billion which, combined with asset sales, boosted the company's efforts to pare down its debt.

Last year, Ayala sold 5 percent of its stake in Globe Telecom to take advantage of market opportunities and generate earnings from its investment.

Ayala's net debt-to-equity ratio improved to 0.56 to 1 from 0.78 to 1.

To align Ayala's stock price with those of the other listed blue-chips, the company said it would undertake a reverse stock split of its shares at a ratio of one share for every 50 held. The stock price will be P50 per share.

The move will reduce the total number of outstanding Ayala shares to 380 million from 17 billion.

Jomar Lacson, investment analyst at CitisecOnline.Com Phils Inc., said the move would not impact on the market value of the company's shares.

At its annual stockholders' meeting yesterday at the Intercontinental Manila, Ayala Corp. president and chief executive officer Jaime Augusto Zobel de Ayala II said the strong performance of the company's key subsidiaries and the record contribution from AC Capital were the main drivers of Ayala's improved profits.

"We are delighted to see the consistent strong performance of Ayala Land, Globe and BPI in their respective industries. As these businesses have attained significant market positions, our investments have resulted in value creation, translating to increasing dividend flows and sustainable market leadership," Zobel noted.

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SMC says stock rights offering fully subscribed

SAN Miguel Corp. yesterday said it had completed its stock rights offering and that the issue was fully subscribed.

The rights offering involved the issuance of 284.6 million additional class A and class B common shares from the company's treasury (at an offer price of P54.70 per class A share and P74.74 per class B share), equivalent to 10 percent of SMC's outstanding capital stock.

The majority of SMC's shareholders exercised their rights in the offering, with the SMC Retirement Fund taking the balance of the unsubscribed rights. Major shareholders—SMC chair and CEO Eduardo M. Cojuangco Jr., Kirin Brewery Ltd. and SM Investments Corp.—participated in the offer as well as the government, through the Coconut Industry Investment Fund (CIIF), the Social Security System and the Government Service Insurance System.

"The positive response of stockholders to the rights offering manifests their confidence in the company's bid to become among the leading companies in Asia," Cojuangco said. The rights offer raised P17.8 billion which would be used to finance the company's expansion projects in the Asia-Pacific region. The expansion aims to widen SMC's product offerings and augment existing businesses.

BDO Capital & Investment Corp. and Sycip Salazar Hernandez & Gatmaitan were the financial adviser and legal counsel to SMC for the rights offering, respectively.

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AEV net up 18% to ₱2.3B

ABOITIZ Equity Ventures Inc. (AEV) posted a P2.33-billion net income in 2004, up 18 percent from its restated earnings of P1.97 billion in 2003. This represents earnings per share (EPS) of P0.48.

The firm's 2003 earnings were restated to consider the retroactive effect of adopting new accounting standards on leases and income taxes.

Earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortization amounted to P5.7 billion in 2004, up 14 percent from year-ago.

AEV's power businesses posted the largest contribution to the 2004 earnings amounting to P1.6 billion, up 20 percent from year-ago.

AEV's banking subsidiaries, Union Bank and City Savings Bank, turned in a combined contribution of P793 million, 14 percent better than the 2003 figure.

Despite increased revenues, the transport group's contribution to total AEV income dropped by 63 percent to P94 million due to higher fuel, insurance and security-related costs.

Pilmico Foods Corp. (PFC), AEV's food manufacturing subsidiary, contributed some P361 million in earnings.

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STOCKS	OPEN	HIGH	LOW	CLOSE	VOLUME
BANKS & FINANCIAL SERVICES					
BANKS					
Asiatrust Dev. Bank Inc.	3.95	4	3.85	4	64,000
Banco de Oro Univ. Bank	28.5	28.5	27.5	28	513,700
Bank of the Phil. Islands	51	51	49	50	1,083,800
China Banking Corp.	660	660	650	650	620
Export and Ind. Bank Inc.	0.76	0.76	0.75	0.75	1,600,000
Equitable PCI Bank Inc.	45	47	45	47	185,500
International Exch. Bank	18.25	18.25	18	18	55,600
Metropolitan Bank & Trust	33	34	32	33.5	6,064,500
Philippine National Bank	32	32	30	30	184,000
Security Bank Corp.	26	26	26	26	16,400
Union Bank of the Phil.	29	29	29	29	7,500
FINANCIAL SERVICES					
Bankard Inc.	0.85	0.85	0.85	0.85	20,000
First Metro Invest. Corp.	270	280	270	280	760
Manulife Financial Corp.	2540	2540	2540	2540	820
PCI Leasing & Fin. Inc.	1.06	1.06	1.06	1.06	175,000
Phil. Stock Exchange Inc.	152	152	152	152	400
Sun Life Financial Inc.	1710	1710	1710	1710	290
COMMERCIAL & INDUSTRIAL					
COMMUNICATION					
ABS-CBN Broadcasting Corp.	15.25	15.25	15	15	119,300
Digital Telecom Phils Inc.	1.22	1.22	1.18	1.2	5,547,000
Globe Telecom Inc.	870	870	845	845	35,610
Ipeople Inc.	4.5	4.65	4.35	4.45	136,000
Island Info and Tech Inc.	0.048	0.048	0.048	0.048	400,000
ISM Communications Corp.	0.05	0.05	0.05	0.05	2,200,000
Liberty Telecoms Holdings	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	40,000
Pilipino Tel. Corp.	3.3	3.35	3.25	3.35	3,314,000
Phil. Long Dis Tel Co.	1385	1390	1380	1385	95,500
Ivantage Corp.	0.73	0.73	0.72	0.72	210,000
Philweb Corp.	0.021	0.021	0.019	0.02	6,600,000
POWER, ENERGY & OTHER UTILITIES					
Manila Electric Co. A	18	18	17.75	17.75	39,600
Manila Electric Co. B	26	26	25	25.5	975,200
Manila Water Co. Inc.	6.5	6.5	6.3	6.4	2,810,000
Petron Corp.	3.55	3.55	3.45	3.45	6,266,000
TRANSPORTATION SERVICES					
Asian Terminals Inc.	1.8	1.8	1.8	1.8	100,000
Int'l Container Term'l Sv	7.1	7.2	7	7.2	841,000
Keppel Phils. Marine Inc.	0.51	0.52	0.51	0.52	300,000
CONSTRUCTION & OTHER RELATED PRODUCTS					
Engineering Equip. Inc.	0.63	0.63	0.63	0.63	6,340,000
Holcim Philippines Inc.	3.7	3.7	3.5	3.5	245,000
FOOD, BEVERAGES & TOBACCO					
Alaska Milk Corp.	3.65	3.65	3.65	3.65	10,000
Ginebra San Miguel Inc.	34	34	34	34	1,000
Jollibee Foods Corp.	29	29	28	28.5	271,300
RFM Corp.	0.92	0.95	0.89	0.95	510,000
Swift Food Inc.	0.33	0.33	0.3	0.3	720,000
San Miguel Corp. A	56.5	57	56.5	57	82,300
San Miguel Corp. B	82	82	80	81.5	303,600
Universal Robina Corp.	12.5	12.5	12.25	12.5	261,100
Vitarich Corp.	0.29	0.29	0.26	0.26	600,000
HOLDING FIRMS					
Abacus Con Res & Hdg A	0.009	0.0095	0.009	0.009	52,000,000
Ayala Corp.	7.6	7.7	7.3	7.3	4,330,000
Alsons Cons. Res. Inc.	0.5	0.52	0.5	0.52	230,000
Aboitiz Equity Ventures	4.6	4.7	4.6	4.7	371,000
Ajo.Net Holdings Inc.	0.045	0.045	0.043	0.043	8,000,000
A. Soriano Corp.	2.14	2.14	2.08	2.1	1,025,000
APC Group Inc.	0.4	0.4	0.39	0.39	570,000
Bacnotan Cons Indus Inc.	14.25	14.25	14.25	14.25	300
Boulevard Holdings Inc.	0.15	0.15	0.15	0.15	300,000
Benpres Holdings Corp.	1.04	1.04	1	1.04	12,009,000
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Crown Equities Inc.	0.23	0.23	0.23	0.23	100,000
DMCI Holdings Inc.	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	165,000
Filinvest Dev. Corp.	1.4	1.4	1.4	1.4	52,000
Fil-Hispano Holdings Corp.	9.3	9.3	8.9	9	780,000
First Phil Hldgs Corp.	51	51	48	49.5	1,397,700
Forum Pacific Inc.	0.22	0.27	0.21	0.27	140,000
Global Equities Inc.	0.0925	0.0975	0.0925	0.095	7,800,000
House of Investments Inc.	1.62	1.62	1.62	1.62	250,000
J.G. Summit Holdings Inc.	3.4	3.4	3.4	3.4	37,000
Macroasia Corp.	1.84	1.98	1.84	1.98	12,000
Marsteel Cons. Inc. A	0.014	0.014	0.014	0.014	600,000
Marsteel Cons. Inc. B	0.014	0.014	0.014	0.014	500,000
Megaworld Corp.	1.34	1.36	1.34	1.34	2,793,000
Mabuhay Holdings Corp.	0.155	0.155	0.15	0.15	500,000
Multitech Inv. Corp.	0.45	0.47	0.45	0.45	510,000
Metro Pacific Corp.	0.44	0.44	0.43	0.44	27,070,000
Prime Orion Phils. Inc.	0.25	0.25	0.25	0.25	190,000
Prime Media Holdings Inc.	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2	20,000
Roxas Holdings Inc.	0.96	0.96	0.96	0.96	10,000
SM Investments Corp.	247	247	240	247	3,142,450
South China Resources Inc.	0.68	0.68	0.66	0.66	500,000
Uniwide Holdings Inc.	0.17	0.17	0.165	0.17	1,100,000
Wellex Industries Inc.	0.19	0.2	0.19	0.2	110,000
Waterfront Phils. Inc.	0.3	0.3	0.29	0.3	1,080,000
MANUFACTURING, DISTRIBUTION & TRADING					
Active Alliance Inc.	1.3	1.4	1.3	1.4	120,000
Music Semiconductors Corp.	1.62	1.62	1.62	1.62	60,000
Picop Resources Inc.	0.125	0.125	0.12	0.125	1,890,000
Steniel Manufacturing	0.155	0.155	0.15	0.15	60,000
HOTEL, RECREATION & OTHER SERVICES					
Belle Corp.	1.34	1.34	1.28	1.3	9,368,000
Fairmont Holdings Inc.	0.99	1	0.99	1	740,000
Leisure & Resorts Corp.	1.48	1.48	1.36	1.4	1,574,000
Premiere Ent. Prod. Inc.	0.3	0.3	0.29	0.29	130,000
BONDS, PREFERRED & WARRANTS					
ABS-CBN Hldgs. Corp.(Pdr)	15	15	14.75	14.75	1,326,900
PLDT (10% Pref) Series P	10.25	10.25	10.25	10.25	1,000
PLDT (10% Pref) Series Q	10.25	10.25	10.25	10.25	1,300
PLDT (10% Pref) Series T	10.5	10.5	10.5	10.5	1,200
PLDT 10% Pref Series Aa	10.25	10.25	10.25	10.25	15,000
PROPERTY					
Ayala Land Inc.	8.5	8.5	8.1	8.2	23,548,000
Araneta Properties Inc.	0.32	0.32	0.32	0.32	250,000
Cityland Development Corp.	1.4	1.5	1.4	1.42	200,000
C&P Homes Inc.	0.29	0.3	0.29	0.3	510,000
Cyber Bay Corp.	0.27	0.27	0.27	0.27	1,000,000
Empire East Land Inc.	0.47	0.47	0.44	0.44	17,530,000
Filinvest Land Inc.	1.44	1.48	1.38	1.42	7,531,000
Gotesco Land Inc.	0.105	0.105	0.105	0.105	100,000
Gotesco Land Inc. B	0.115	0.115	0.11	0.11	670,000
Keppel Phils. Prop. Inc.	0.57	0.57	0.57	0.57	90,000
Kuok Phil. Properties	0.23	0.23	0.23	0.23	190,000
Philippine Estates Corp.	0.175	0.175	0.145	0.145	2,260,000
Robinsons Land Corp.	4.85	4.85	4.75	4.8	790,000
Phil Realty and Holdings	0.25	0.25	0.25	0.25	300,000
SM Development Corp.	1.76	1.8	1.76	1.8	29,000
SM Prime Holdings Inc.	7.6	7.6	7.3	7.3	10,691,000
MINING					
Apex Mining Co. Inc. A	0.75	0.75	0.75	0.75	140,000
Apex Mining Co. Inc. B	0.96	0.96	0.96	0.96	50,000
Atlas Cons. Min & Dev't	5.1	5.2	5.1	5.2	216,000
Benguet Corp. A	9	9.1	8.8	8.8	46,000
Benguet Corp. B	27	27	25	25	2,500
Lepanto Cons Mng. Co. A	0.36	0.36	0.34	0.34	8,570,000
Lepanto Cons. Mng. Co B	0.39	0.39	0.36	0.36	7,560,000
Manila Mining Corp. A	0.015	0.016	0.015	0.015	160,500,000
Manila Mining Corp. B	0.021	0.021	0.02	0.02	122,400,000
Omico Corp.	0.0075	0.0075	0.0075	0.0075	127,000,000
Philex Mining Corp. A	1.12	1.12	1.1	1.1	1,307,000
Philex Mining Corp. B	1.36	1.36	1.34	1.34	790,000
Semirara Mining Corp.	36	36	32.5	34	967,900
OIL					
Interp[illegible] Res.	0.0055	0.0055	0.005	0.005	7,000,000
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Orien[illegible] & Min. A	0.0055	0.0055	0.0055	0.0055	52,000,000
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Sinophil Corp.	0.19	0.195	0.185	0.19	7,800,000
Vulcan Ind'l	0.32	0.32	0.32	0.32	200,000

	SHARES	VALUE(P)
Bank & Fin Svc	9,972,890	288,780,975.00
Comm'l & Ind'l	463,932,555	19,063,663,588.516
PRO	65,689,000	296,570,200.00
Mining	419,549,400	48,897,600.00
OIL	90,049,000	2,135,860.00
GRAND TOTALS :	1,049,192,845	19,699,848,223.516

	AVERAGES	
Bank & Fin Svc	563.15	DOWN 12.36
Comm'l & Ind'l	3,021.23	DOWN 61.50
PRO	723.19	DOWN 33.54
Mining	2,967.65	DOWN 122.82
OIL	2.50	DOWN 0.04
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All Shares Index	1,178.82	DOWN 9.88
Composite	1,914.22	DOWN 48.18

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Hong Kong	Dollar	0.099615	0.128215	7.0057
Switzerland	Franc	0.644443	0.829463	45.3219
Canada	Dollar	0.636055	0.818666	44.7319
Singapore	Dollar	0.468290	0.602736	32.9335
Australia	Dollar	0.594127	0.764701	41.7833
Bahrain	Dinar*	2.060960	2.652661	144.9414
Saudi Arabia	Rial	0.207179	0.266660	14.5703
Brunei	Dollar	0.466883	0.600925	32.8345
Indonesia	Rupiah	0.000082	0.000106	0.0058
Thailand	Baht	0.019629	0.025265	1.3805
UAE	Dirham	0.211539	0.272272	14.8769
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Argentina	Peso	0.267680	0.344531	18.8252
Brazil	Real	0.298651	0.384394	21.0033
Denmark	Kroner	0.134251	0.172795	9.4415
India	Rupee	0.017767	0.022868	1.2495
Malaysia	Ringgit	0.204485	0.263193	14.3809
Mexico	New Peso	0.069308	0.089206	4.8742
New Zealand	Dollar	0.551922	0.710379	38.8151
Norway	Kroner	0.122347	0.157473	8.6043
Pakistan	Rupee	0.013084	0.016841	0.9202
South Africa	Rand	0.126951	0.163399	8.9281
Korea	Won	0.000767	0.000987	0.0539
Sweden	Kroner	0.109259	0.140627	7.6839
Syria	Pound	0.014967	0.019264	1.0526
Taiwan	Nt Dollar	0.024644	0.031719	1.7331
Venezuela	Bolivar	0.000382	0.000466	0.0255

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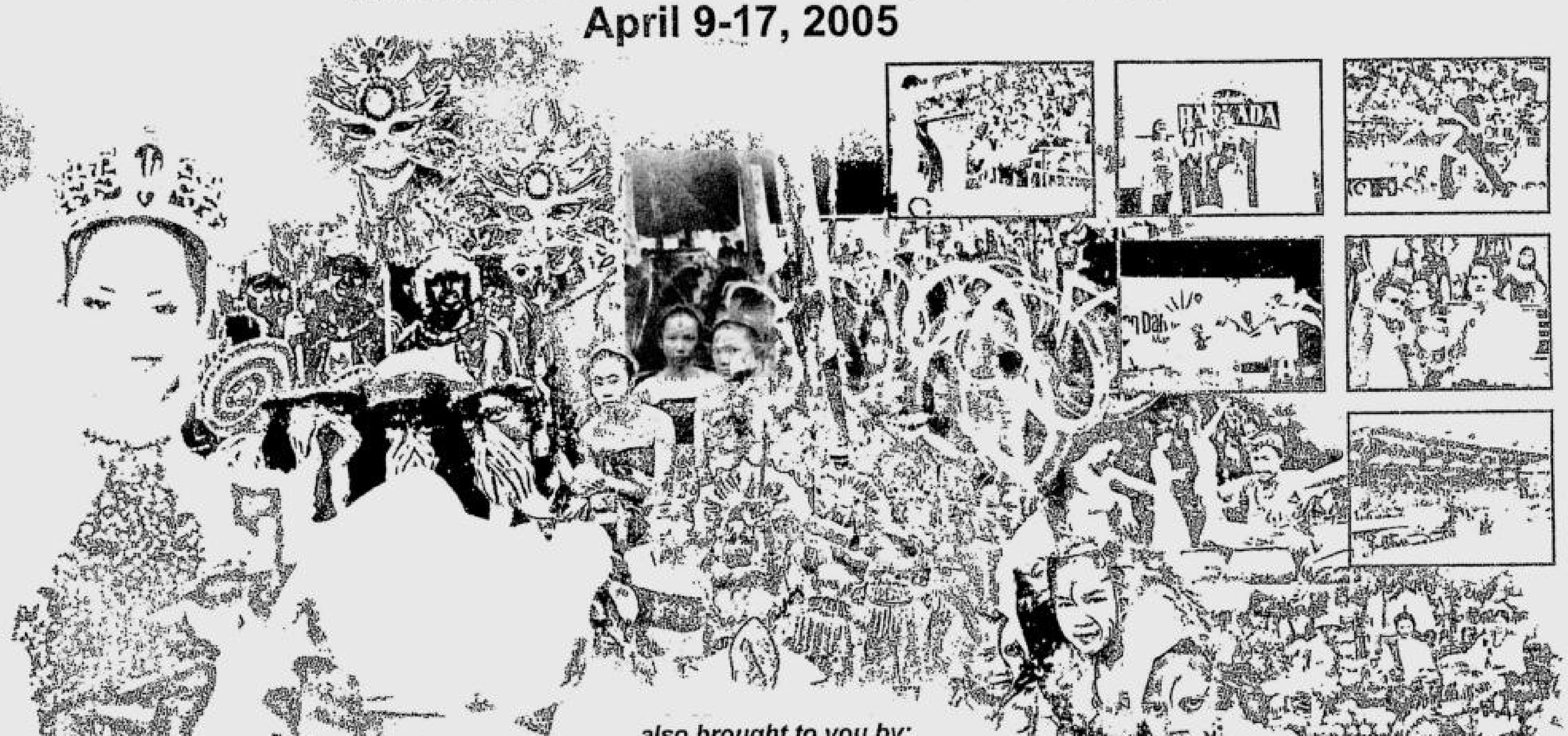

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PRE-PANAAD ACTIVITIES:

April 7-9	1st Panaad National Age-Group Swimfest (Panaad Swimming Complex)
April 8, 8 a.m.	Mobile Passporting & Info Advocacy for Prospective OFWs (2F Stadium)

APRIL 9 SATURDAY DAY 1

8:00 a.m.	Thanksgiving Mass (2nd Level Stadium)
9:00 a.m.	Opening of Theme Booths/Trade Fair (Panaad Grounds) Opening of "Sugar...& More!" Festival (G/F Panaad Stadium) Opening of Garden Show (Panaad Grounds) Mobile Passporting & Information Advocacy for Prospective OFWs
9:30 a.m.	Inauguration of Provincial Nursery with DENR Sec. Michael T. Defensor
1:00 p.m.	"Best of Festival Dances" Competition (Stadium Grounds)
4:30 p.m.	Opening Ceremony (Stadium) Guest of Honor: Hon. Juan Miguel M. Arroyo
7:00 p.m.	CONCERT - Mr. Gary Valenciano (Stadium) Fireworks Display

APRIL 10 SUNDAY DAY 2

10:00 a.m.	Theme Booths/Trade Fair Garden Show "Sugar ...& More!" Festival
1:30 p.m.	Opening of 2005 Panaad Derby (Negros ACE - Covered Court)
12:30 p.m.	Bombo Radyo's Amateur Boxing Competition
3:30 p.m.	National Dog Agility Competition - K9/Dog Show (Stadium Grounds)
6:00 p.m.	Unilever Concert: Panaad "Pop Fiesta" Featuring "Parokya ni Edgar", Jerome Hughes, Kyla, Aiza Seguerra & Faith Cuneta (Stadium)

APRIL 11 MONDAY DAY 3

10:00 a.m.	Theme Booths/Trade Fair Garden Show "Sugar ...& More!" Festival
1:00 p.m.	2nd Day of Panaad Derby (Negros ACE - Covered Court)
2:00 p.m.	Drum & Bugle Corps Competition, Elementary (Stadium Grounds) Opening of Panaad Sports 2005 Boxing (Cabanas)
7:00 p.m.	"NMYL Night" (Sponsored by the Movement of Young Legislators Negros Chapter - Park Stage)

APRIL 12 TUESDAY DAY 4

10:00 a.m.	Theme Booths/Trade Fair Garden Show "Sugar...& More!" Festival
1:00 p.m.	Championship, Panaad Derby (Negros ACE - Covered Court) Panaad Sports Taekwondo (2F, Stadium)
2:00 p.m.	Drum & Bugle Corps Competition, High School (Stadium Grounds) Panaad Sports - Boxing (Cabanas)
7:00 p.m.	"Battle of the Bands" organized by Star FM/Bombo Radyo (Park Stage)

APRIL 13 WEDNESDAY DAY 5

7:30 a.m.	Panaad Sports Athletics (Track Oval)
8:30 a.m.	Organic Farming & Diversification Options Seminar
10:00 a.m.	Theme Booths/Trade Fair Garden Show "Sugar...& More!" Festival
1:00 p.m.	Panaad Sports Taekwondo (2F, Stadium)
2:00 p.m.	Panaad Sports Boxing (Cabanas)
7:00 p.m.	Pop Dance Showdown (Stadium)

APRIL 14 THURSDAY DAY 6

7:30 a.m.	Panaad Sports Athletics (Track Oval)
9:00 a.m.	Capitol Employees Pep Squad Competition (Covered Court)
10:00 a.m.	Theme Booths/Trade Fair Garden Show "Sugar...& More!" Festival
2:00 p.m.	Panaad Sports - Boxing (Cabanas)
7:00 p.m.	"A Special Night of Music & Laughter" Featuring Candy Pangilinan, Carlo Orosa & Pam G. (Sponsored by Neg. Occ. Congressmen - Stadium)

APRIL 15 FRIDAY DAY 7

7:30 a.m.	Panaad Sports - Athletics (Track Oval) Panaad Livelihood Skills Competition (Covered Court)
10:00 a.m.	Theme Booths/Trade Fair Garden Show "Sugar...& More!" Festival
6:30 p.m.	TAPAS Cultural Show In Ilonggo Songs & Dances (Stadium)
7:00 p.m.	Latin Dance Sports (Covered Court)
8:00 p.m.	Media Night (2F Stadium)

APRIL 16 SATURDAY DAY 8

7:00 a.m.	1st NOCFED-Panaad National Bikefest Cross Country Ayala Race Course, Brgy. Granada
8:00 a.m.	Panaad Golf Competition (Vice Mayor's League NOGCC, Bata) Panaad Sports - Mambukal to Panaad Team Relay (Track Oval)
10:00 a.m.	Theme Booths/Trade Fair Garden Show "Sugar...& More!" Festival
2:00 p.m.	1st NOCFED-Panaad National Bikefest MTB & Road Bikes (Awarding Ceremony at Park Stage)
7:00 p.m.	Lin-ay sang Negros Pageant (Stadium)

APRIL 17 SUNDAY DAY 9

7:30 a.m.	Panaad Golf Competition (Vice Mayor's League NOGCC, Bata) 1st NOCFED-Panaad National Bikefest Downhill Mambukal Resort
10:00 a.m.	Theme Booths/Trade Fair Garden Show "Sugar...& More!" Festival
3:00 p.m.	Closing Ceremony with Presentation of Winners in Competitions Fireworks Display

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1. FIELD INVESTIGATION OFFICE (FIO)

ASSISTANT OMBUDSMAN - Item No. OMBA-AO-3-2003; SG-29

Education: Bachelor's degree; Experience: 3 years of Supervisor Experience; Training: None required; Eligibility: Career Service Executive Eligibility (CSEE)/ Career Executive Service (CES)*

2. FINANCE AND MANAGEMENT SERVICE (FMS)

DIRECTOR IV - Item No. OMBA-DIR4-2-1998; SG-28

Education: Bachelor's degree; Experience: 3 years of Supervisor Experience; Training: None required; Eligibility: Career Service Executive Eligibility (CSEE)/ Career Executive Service (CES)*

*Subject to the outcome of Ombudsman vs. CSC (G.R. 159940)

This is a republication of the vacancies published on October 14, 2004. Interested applicants should submit applications within twenty (20) working Days from the date of this publication to the Human Resource Management Division at the above address, the following requirements pursuant to Office Order No. 05-17, series of 2005;

1) AN APPLICATION LETTER STATING THE POSITION/ITEM NUMBER APPLIED FOR;
2) DULY ACCOMPLISHED PERSONAL DATA SHEET (CSC FORM 212);
3) 1" x 1" PICTURE (COLORED);
4) BIRTH CERTIFICATE;
5) BAR RATING/CSC CERTIFICATE OF ELIGIBILITY;
6) TRANSCRIPT OF RECORDS;
7) CERTIFICATES OF SEMINARS/TRAININGS ATTENDED;
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9) POLICE CLEARANCE;
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NFA implements strict rice monitoring

NATIONAL Food Authority administrator Gregorio Y. Tan, Jr. said that the food agency is implementing strict monitoring of markets to ensure the visibility and accessibility of government rice nationwide. Tan also clarified that the agency is not in any way involved in rice hoarding activities even as he stressed that he has ordered the agency's officials and employees to conduct the various programs of the agency in the most transparent manner.

The food chief also added that the NFA is managing the rice allocations of its accredited retailers while the revalidation of the retailers' passbooks is ongoing. At present, only active rice outlets operating inside markets are given rice allocations. The release of rice allocations to accredited outlets are also being programmed so that farm gate prices of the summer harvest will not be affected.

Currently, the agency has sufficient inventory of the staple which is comprised of locally procured stocks and the rice contracted by the government from various countries for this year. "Imported rice continue to arrive at the designated disports all over the country continuously augments our buffer stock for the coming lean months," Tan cited.

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For Details & Inquiries:

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INVITATION TO APPLY FOR ELIGIBILITY AND TO BID

The NATIONAL FOOD AUTHORITY (NFA) invites all interested Cargo Handling Operators, to apply for eligibility and to bid for the discharging of 2005 NFA imported rice on board foreign/local vessels at the following area/port to wit

	(Province/Port)	Estimated Volume (in bags of 50 kg)	Approved Rate per Bag 50 kg (P)	Approved Budget (P)
1.	Zambo City Port (imported rice)	800,000	7.24	5,792,000.00
2.	Zambo City Port (domestic shipment)	540,000	3.982	2,150,280.00
3.	Malangas Wharf	11,000	3.00	33,000.00

The cargo handling activity (subject to bidding) calls for the supply of labor, cargo handling logistics including supervision in the complete execution of the discharging operations.

Schedule of bidding activities

Particulars	Date/Time
• Last day of application for registration/renewal to interested bidders who are not NFA accredited labor contractors and/or whose registration had already expired	April 18, 2005 / 8 AM - 4 PM
• Issuance of application forms for eligibility and list of eligibility requirements, submission of Letter of Intent & Issuance of bid forms	April 4-7; 11-14 & 18-19, 2005
• Pre-Bid Conference	April 25, 2005 / 2:00 PM
• Submission and opening of bids	May 9, 2005 / 2:00 PM

All cargo handling operators interested to participate in the bidding must be registered/accredited with NFA. Application forms for eligibility to bid, list of eligibility requirements and bid documents shall be issued upon submission of Letter of Intent to participate and payment of a non-refundable fee of Php 5,000.00 to NFA-BAC, Zamboanga City on the scheduled date and time stated above.

The venue of Pre-Bid Conference and Bidding Proper will be at NFA Conference Room, Gov. Ramos Ave., San Roque, Zamboanga City.

All particulars relative to Bid Security, Performance Security; bidding procedures and evaluation shall be governed by the provisions of Republic Act 9184 and its IRR-A, otherwise known as the Government Procurement Reform Act and as provided in the Instruction to Bidders.

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(Sgd.) ROLANDO M. MARAVILLA
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NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION

In compliance with Section 5 of R.A. Act No. 9048, a notice is hereby served to the public that JUANITO H. NILLO has filed with this Office a petition for change of first name from DANIEL JR to JUANITO in the birth certificate of DANIEL NILLO JR who was born on 04 April 1981 at Angeles, Pampanga and whose parents are Daniel Nillo and Lourdes Hipolito.

Any person adversely affected by said petition may file his written opposition with this Office not later than April 30, 2005

(Sgd.) SYLVIA R. LAUDENCIA
City Civil Registrar

(PDI – April 8 & 15, 2005)

NOTICE OF LEGAL PROCEEDINGS

Following the successful conclusion of Absconder Proceedings, on 1st March 2005, a Confiscation Order under Section 8 of the Organised and Serious Crimes Ordinance, Cap 455 of the Laws of Hong Kong was issued by Mr. Justice Lugar-Mawson in the Hong Kong Court of First Instance. On 24th March 2005 the assets of the following Respondents in Hong Kong were confiscated. Notice is hereby given that on 5th May 2005 an application will be made to the Court of First Instance to have the Restraint Order over the assets of the Respondents HCMP 4221 of 2002 discharged.

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	(Source-Destination)	Estimated Volume (in bags of 50 kg) for Transfer within the Province	Approved Rate per Bag 50 kg (P) per Trip	Approved Budget (P)
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3.	Malangas Wharf to Gulalawa Warehouse	11,000	5.50	60,500.00
4.	Liloy Lamao Port to Ipil Taway Warehouse	50,000	14.25	712,500.00
5.	Lamao Port to Banigan Warehouse, Liloy	28,000	4.75	133,000.00
6.	Banigan Warehouse to Taway Warehouse	10,000	14.25	142,500.00
7.	Port to Fortune Whse., Zamboanga City NFA Whse to Port, Zamboanga City	800,000 540,000	3.25 3.25	2,600,000.00 1,755,000.00

The hauling activity (subject to bidding) calls for the supply of cargo/hauling trucks:

Schedule of bidding activities:

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• Last day of application for registration/renewal to interested bidders who are not NFA accredited labor contractors and/or whose registration had already expired	April 18, 2005 / 8 AM - 4 PM
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(Sgd.) ROLANDO M. MARAVILLA
OIC-Office of ARD, and
Chairman, RBAC

(PDI – April 1 & 8, 2005)

NATIONAL POWER CORPORATION

DILIMAN, QUEZON CITY

INVITATION TO BID FOR THE SALE SCRAP/JUNK ITEMS

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DATE OF BIDDING : April 27, 2005, 2:00 p.m., Solarium Hall, Bldg.-1 Grd. Floor, NPC-HO, Agham Road corner Quezon Ave., Diliman, Q.C.

The National Power Corporation will conduct a public bidding of the following scrap and junk items located at various NPC stations.

SCHEDULE - I

Item Description and Location	Minimum Bid Price
1. One (1) lot of scrap metals consisting of pipe casings, pipes, steel plate cuttings, junk plant equipment, stainless steel pipes located UPI Nag-40 Stockyard, UPI S-25 Stockyard and NPC Nag-36 Stockyard and Warehouse, Tiwi Geothermal Power Plant Complex, Tiwi, Albay Province.	P 9,909,810.00/lot
2. One (1) lot junk substation equipment, motor vehicle and computers and office equipment located at Batangas S/S, Mahabang Parang, Batangas City	P 174,000.00/lot

SCHEDULE - II

1. One (1) lot junk substation batteries, 204 pieces located at TIWI Geothermal Power Plant, Tiwi, Albay Province **Note: Prospective awardee for this item is required to secure Permit To Transport used batteries form the Environmental Management Bureau, DENR and submit certification of recycling from EMB-DENR accredited waste/used battery recyclers.**	P 16,320.00/lot

ALL BIDS MUST BE SUBMITTED WITH THE FOLLOWING:

1. PROPOSAL BOND DEPOSIT IN THE FORM OF CASH OR MANAGER'S/CASHIER'S CHECK EQUIVALENT TO TEN PERCENT (10%) OF THE TOTAL BID PRICE OFFER.
2. LATEST INCOME TAX RETURN (2004, ORIGINAL OR XEROX COPY) OF THE BIDDER OR AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENT (ORIGINAL) OF THE COMPANY AND ONE (1) COPY OF VALID IDENTIFICATION CARD LIKE DRIVER'S LICENSE, GSIS ID, SSS ID, POSTAL ID, PASSPORT, PRC ID AND COMPANY ID.

Interested parties who wish to participate in the public bidding may secure the bid form at P500.00/set from Mr. Alfonso D. Alday, Manager, Warehousing, Inventory, Traffic and Asset Disposal Division (WITADD) at Bldg. 1, Ground Floor, NPC Head Office, Corner Agham Road and Quezon Ave., Diliman, Q.C. or call telephone no. 922-8431. **Deadline for issuance of bid form is 4:30 p.m. April 26, 2005.**

For the Materials Management Department

(Sgd.) FELIX B. TACATA, JR.
OIC, MMD

(PDI - April 7, 8 & 9, 2005)

PMAP supports government's 4-day work week program

THE PERSONNEL Management Association of the Philippines (PMAP), the leading organization of Human Resource executives throughout the country, highly commends the National government for initiating a bold and radical program called "Compressed Work Week" to be implemented this summer by government agencies (except those performing front-line public service functions). At the same time, the government has challenged the private sector to seriously consider adopting the same program.

Compressed work week means an organization allowing its employees to work beyond 8 hours a day, without overtime pay, provided that the total number of hours worked during the compressed work week does not exceed the number of hours worked within a normal week.

The Compressed Work Week program is not just an energy conservation program but a significant and meaningful gesture by government to challenge our outdated paradigms and be open to new ideas if we are to move forward as a country. Compressed work week, just like flextime, is an example of a program under the umbrella concept of "alternative office arrangements". Alternative office arrangements are the new solution to a new problem. Alternative office arrangements help our organizations and nation adapt to a fast changing environment. We enjoin private organizations to explore the value of compressed work week and other alternative work arrangements as a way of competing in the new economy.

We once again, commend the national government for AO 117. It is in the same bold and challenging spirit that should guide all of us in rebuilding our institutions and our beloved country as we reclaim our rightful place in the community of nations.

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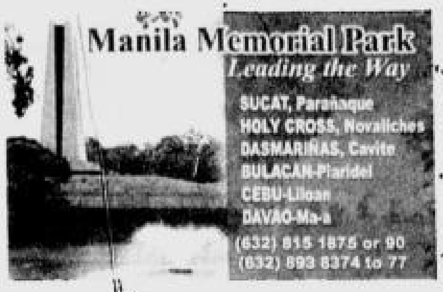
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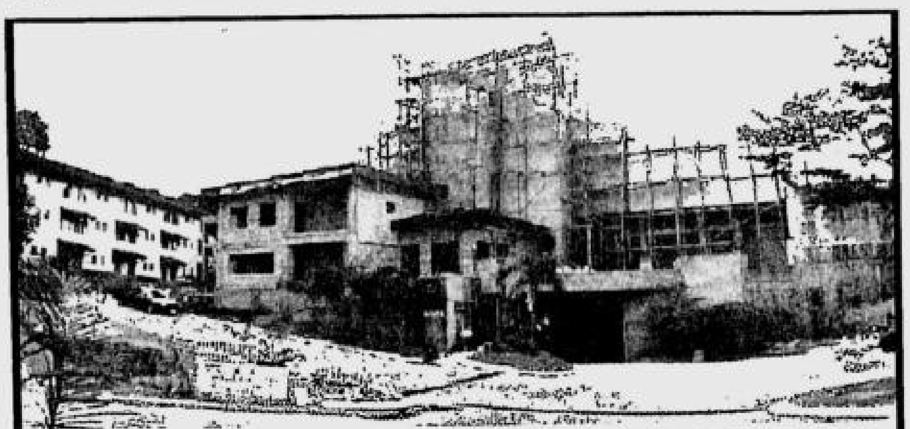
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Peacefully joined our Lord and her husband Felix on April 7, 2005 at the age of 78.

Her only daughter, **Maricon** and her family together with her bereaved brothers and sisters namely: **Teodosia** (†), **Melchora, Quintin, Brigido, Andres, Leonides** and **Sr. Rosa C. Mendoza, S.F.I.C.** request the pious readers to pray for the eternal repose of her soul.

Her remains lie in state at 410 2nd St., Honradez Ext., Balic-Balic, Sampaloc, Manila.

Interment will be on Saturday, April 9, 2005 at Manila Memorial Park, Sucat, Parañaque after the 2:00 p.m. Mass at the Holy Trinity Parish Church, Balic-Balic, Sampaloc, Manila.

Angelita R. Samson

Peacefully joined her Creator on April 07, 2005 at the age of 84.

Her bereaved husband **Eleuterio**; children: **Manny & Cora, Eric & Lilibeth, Eddie Boy** (†) **& Chona, Chochit & Josie, Richin**, grandchildren and great grandchildren request the pious readers to pray for the eternal repose of her soul.

Her body lies in state at St. Catherine Chapel of Holy Trinity Memorial Chapels Sucat Road Parañaque City. Interment will be announced later.

RICARDO G. PALOMA

Passed away in the Grace of our Lord on April 4, 2005 at the age of 77.

His dearly beloved wife **Lydia V. Paloma**, relatives and friends request prayers for his eternal happiness in heaven.

His remains lie in state at La Funeraria Paz-Sucat.

Interment will be on Saturday, April 9, 2005 at the crypt of St. Jerome/Sta. Susana Church, Muntinlupa City after the 2:00 p.m. Mass at La Funeraria Paz-Sucat.

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PASIG RIVER REHABILITATION COMMISSION

INVITATION FOR BIDS

Project : Pasig River Environmental Management and Rehabilitation Sector Development Program (PAREMAR).
Loan No.: Asian Development Bank (ADB) Loan No. 1746-PHI
Description of Works: Construction and Development of a. Linear Park along New Panaderos & Earnshaw, Manila

1. The Government of the Philippines (GOP) has received a loan from the ADB toward the cost of PAREMAR and it intends to apply part of the proceeds of this loan, together with the GOP counterpart funds, to payments under the Contract for New Panaderos & Earnshaw Linear Park (Contract No. EPA-LPP-23).
2. The Pasig River Rehabilitation Commission (PRRC) as the executing agency now invites sealed Bids from eligible Bidders for the following contract package:

Contract Package	:	Construction and Development of a Linear Park
Contract No.	:	EPA-LPP-23
Area	:	1,633.82 sq.m.
Location	:	New Panaderos & Earnshaw, Manila
Contract Duration	:	180 calendar days
Project Description	:	Construction and development of a linear park / promenade which includes the following items of work: civil, electrical, plumbing, hardscape and softscape elements, among others.

3. Interested Bidders shall secure the Bid Documents and submit bids as follows:

Activity	Date	Time	Venue	Remarks
Securing of (a) Eligibility Checklist or (b) submission of Letter of Intent and purchase of complete set of Bid Documents upon payment of a non-refundable fee of Php 11,500)	From 18 - 25 April	8 am – 5 pm	PRRC2F, MWSS Engineering Bldg. Kalipunan Road, Old Balara, Quezon City 1105	Eligibility checklist is free of charge
Securing of additional eligibility information (if any) and Inspection of Bidding Documents	From 18 – 25 April	8 am – 5 pm		For those who secured only the Eligibility Checklist
a. Pre-bid Conference	12 May	9am	PRRC (same address)	
b. Site Inspection	12 May	2pm	Earnshaw & New Panaderos, Manila (near Earnshaw Elementary School)	Right after Pre-bid Conference
Deadline for submission of Bids	25 May	10am	PRRC (same address)	Late bids (bids submitted after 10am) shall not be accepted
Opening of Bids	25 May	10:15am	PRRC (same address)	Bids shall be opened in the presence of the bidders

4. The City of Manila shall be the implementing agency of the Contract.
5. Bidding (Eligibility Check / Prequalification, Bid Evaluation and Award of Contract) shall be conducted on the basis of local competitive bidding among interested Bidders from ADB eligible source countries as defined under the "*Guidelines for Procurement by the Asian Development Bank and its Borrowers*" pursuant to the Implementing Rules and Regulations of R.A. No. 9184 and ADB Guidelines for the Procurement of Civil Works as standardized under the harmonized ADB-GOP Procurement of Works guidelines.
6. PRRC-IABAC reserves the right to accept or reject any Bid and to annul the bidding process and reject all Bids at anytime prior to Contract award, without thereby incurring any liability to the affected Bidder or Bidders.

(Sgd.) **BINGLE H. B. GUTIERREZ**
Executive Director

Pasig River Rehabilitation Commission
2F, MWSS Engineering Bldg Katipunan Road, Old Balara, Quezon City 1105
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PMAP seminars/ workshops for April

THE PERSONNEL Management Association of the Philippines is sponsoring a seminar on Job Analysis, Evaluation and Classification scheduled on April 21 to 22. Registration fee is P5,600 for PMAP Members and P7,100 for Non PMAP Members. A two-day workshop on Personal Mastery Through Values Enhancement will be held also April 21 to 22. Registration fee is P5,600 for PMAP Members and P7,100 for Non PMAP Members. The program entitled Managing the Rewards Management Function is scheduled on April 26. Registration fee is P3,400 for PMAP Members and P4,900 for Non PMAP Center. All programs will be held at PMAP Center in Mandaluyong City. For reservations, please contact The Human Resource Management Development Center at telephone numbers 726-1581; 726-1588 or 726-1532; email address: maylene.gatdula@pmap.org.ph or you may visit the website: www.pmap.org.ph

Berkley uses only original software

THE BUSINESS Software Alliance (BSA), an organization dedicated to promoting a safe and legal digital world, recently awarded Berkley International Philippines and all its subsidiaries, namely Life, Plans and Family First Inc the Software Asset Management (SAM) Advantage Certification. This is in recognition of the company's efforts to implement a model SAM practice.

In compliance with BSA's guidelines to multinationals and local companies, the company's information services division (ISD) performed a rigid and thorough auditing of its software to maximize their value and to better utilize existing investments. In performing SAM, the company addressed planning and budgeting matters for software purchases and ensured that the company uses genuine software only.

According to Berkley's vice president-chief information officer Adnelle Valeza, undergoing SAM is in keeping with the company's avowed mission of integrity. "Piracy brings with it a chain of negative results not only for any industry where it is practiced but to the national economy as a whole. We do not want to be a party to it. That is why we ensure that our offices use only genuine software," Valeza said.

The Berkley Group is majority-owned by WR Berkley Corp, a Fortune Top 500 firm, a leader in the property and casualty insurance business in the United States.

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Empower is a 100-percent Filipino multilevel marketing division of the Peak Marketing Group founded by the dynamic husband-and-wife business team of Antonio and Josefina Elicaño. It offers consumers a healthier lifestyle while helping Filipinos learn business opportunities that help the lives of other people. For more information about Empower membership and its range of products, call 687-7027 to 28.

DESIGNER WHEY ENDORSER

TV celebrity and health and fitness personality Rovilson Fernandez receives a set of Designer Whey products from Greggy Romualdez, founding partner of Edgepro, exclusive Philippine distributor of the product. Fernandez, a long time Designer Whey user, says taking the protein shake supplement has helped him build a lean, muscular physique and perform better in various sports activities. Designer Whey is available in over 200 outlets nationwide, including Chris Sports Plaza, Toby's Sports, Olympic Village, Healthfood & Herb, Cutting Edge, Health & Beyond, Royal Sporting House, Fitness First, Clark Hatch, the Rockwell Club, Red Corner and Arena Fitness. It is also available per scoop at Fruit Magic, Big Chill and Thirsty outlets.

BITS & Clips

Metro holds 'Sun Sale'

STRUT your curves and reveal lots of skin as the season of sun and sand is just around the corner. Celebrate summer with colors and style on white sand beaches, or look hot by the poolside with fabulous beach get-ups from Metro Gaisano stores in Cebu: Colon, Mandaue, Ayala, Legazpi in Albay, Metro Lucena in Quezon, and Metro Market! Market! in Fort Bonifacio, Global City. The summer fever sizzles some more as the hottest promo of the season, the "Sun Sale", returns from April 1 to 16. Enjoy fabulous discounts of up to 70 percent on most items at the men's, ladies' and kids swimwear collection during the promo period.

Summer surprise for BayanTel subscribers

SPEND one hot summer day at Island Cove Resort for free by just making national-direct distance calls from your BayanTel landline. For a minimum of P650 worth of NDD calls to a landline or to a cell phone from April 1 to 30, BayanTel subscribers are entitled to receive a free entrance gift certificate for 3 persons at Island Cove Resort worth P450. To avail yourselves of this promo, simply present your paid statement of account covering April NDD calls together with a proof of payment or official receipt and any valid ID to any Bayan Center in Metro Manila. The free Island Cove Resort entrance gift certificate is available until June 30 and can be availed of by Metro Manila residential subscribers only.

Free seminars on nutritional immunology

TO PROVIDE nutritionally superior health products to Filipinos through the science of nutritional immunology-that is the aim of E. Excel International Philippines. Nutritional immunology studies the significant relationship between nutrition and the immune system, and how diseases can be prevented through consistent proper nourishment. E Excel regularly holds free nutritional immunology orientation seminars at the 23rd floor of the Rufino Pacific Tower, Mondays to Fridays from 2 to 4 p.m., and also from 6 to 8 p.m. every Tuesday. Interested parties can visit E. Excel at its offices or call 811-0837 for queries, or log on to www.excelphils.com.ph.

Cultural show at Casino Filipino

WORLD-CLASS performances, as well as a sumptuous dinner, satiated guests from the public and private sectors and the media during the opening night of "Gems of the Philippines," a dinner-cultural show that features the best in Filipino arts and culture through fashion, songs, music, and dances that traverse various periods in Philippine history, at the Casino Filipino in Parañaque City. Tourism Secretary Joseph Ace Durano, who was the event's keynote speaker, congratulated the Asian Gem Tourism Foundation and the Philippine Amusement and Gaming Corp. "Gems of the Philippines" will be staged every Friday night at the Maharlika Hall of Airport Casino Filipino beginning April 8.

PFF April 8 to 17

THE CHAMBER of Furniture Industries of the Philippines (CFIP) is showcasing the Philippines' ingenuity and craftsmanship in the ongoing Philippine Furniture Festival (PFF) back-to-back with the 1st Home Accents Show April 8 to 17 at the Megatrade Hall 2 of SM Megamall, Mandaluyong City. The 10-day retail festival is the much-anticipated follow-up to the successful Philippine International Furniture Show held recently at the World Trade Center. This year's theme, "Cocoons of Comfort," reflects living spaces promoting healthy lifestyle and wellness. A Mid-Week Red Tag Sale highlights the event, where up to 30-percent discount will be offered on selected products from April 12 to 14. For more information, call the CFIP secretariat at 631-2834 or 632-9007.

Violinist in 'Paco Park Presents'

TODAY at 6 p.m., "Paco Park Presents" features Michael Joseph Vargas, a talented violin student of professor Arturo Molina at the Philippine High School for the Arts in Makiling, Laguna. Joining him are guitarist Ferdinand Medina and guest violinist Carmina Gutierrez. Thea Perez is program host. "Paco Park Presents" is a public service project of the National Parks Development Committee. It is regularly aired on NBN Channel 4 every Saturday from 7 p.m. Admission to "Paco Park Presents" is free.

Nestlé health, nutrition summit

NESTLÉ Philippines Inc holds the third of a series of regional Health and Nutrition Summits today, April 8, at the Waterfront Hotel in Cebu City, to launch its advocacy called "Let's Talk Wellness" in the region. Through this advocacy effort, Nestlé seeks to build awareness of current knowledge and lifestyle practices promoting wellness, the condition of good physical and mental health especially when maintained by proper diet, exercise and habits. Also to be introduced in Cebu is the search for the Five Outstanding Nutrition and Health Programs in the Philippines, a nationwide competition. The winning programs will each be awarded a cash prize of P100,000 at recognition ceremonies in November.

Advanced photography workshop

MANDY Navasero will hold a Weekend Advanced Photography Workshop for seven weeks starting April 9. Classes will be held every Saturday until May 21 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Topics to be taken are portraiture, fashion with models, glamour or cover photos, product photography, architectural, travel photography and food photography. Each topic may be taken individually or as a 7-week course. In Mandy's workshop, participants will be placed in practical working situations and provided with organized instruction materials covering aspects of photography. Mandy Navasero is a graduate of Brooks Institute of Photography in Santa Barbara, California. Lectures will be conducted at Mandy's studio. For further inquiries, call 899-1767 or 896-3208.

IBP, Ateneo sponsor judicial review forum

THE INTEGRATED Bar of the Philippines, the IBP Journal and the Ateneo Law School are co-sponsoring the First Annual JBL Reyes Forum on Contemporary Legal Issues. This year's forum topic is "Probing the Limits of Judicial Review", and the event will be held on April 16, 1:30 to 5:30 p.m. at the Justitia Room of the Ateneo Law School in Rockwell Center. Retired Supreme Court Associate Justice and political law expert Vicente V. Mendoza delivers the main lecture. The panel of reactors include former senator and lawyer Rene Saguisag, distinguished educator professor Solita Monsod, and dean Sedfrey Candelaria, associate dean of student affairs at the Ateneo Law School, Lawyer Ricardo "Dong" Puno acts as moderator. IBP national president Jose Anselmo Cadiz closes the activity. The forum's talks are MCLE accredited, and no registration fees will be charged. Registration begins at 12:30 p.m.

Republic of the Philippines
DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

DEPARTMENT CIRCULAR NO. DC2005-03-002

RULES AND REGULATIONS GOVERNING THE ESTABLISHMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION OF THE ALTERNATIVE FUELS FUND

WHEREAS, it is the policy of the Government to ensure continuous, adequate and economic supply of indigenous energy to increase self-reliance in the country's energy requirements;

WHEREAS, by virtue of Executive Order No. 66, the DOE is designated as the lead government agency in ensuring a unified and coordinated efforts towards establishing a successful and robust Philippine Natural Gas Industry;

WHEREAS, the Malampaya Gas-to-Power Project represents the beginning of the natural gas industry in the Philippines;

WHEREAS, it is the policy of the Department of Energy (DOE) to promote the utilization of alternative fuels and energy technologies for industrial, commercial and transport sectors;

WHEREAS, the Natural Gas Vehicle Program for Public Transport (NGVPPT) which was launched on October 16, 2002 unveils a portfolio of incentives to encourage active participation of the private sector in providing the necessary support, logistics and infrastructure to the said program;

WHEREAS, by virtue of Executive Order No. 290, the DOE is designated as the lead implementing government agency for the NGVPPT in coordination with different government agencies, institutions and the private sector;

WHEREAS, the development of infrastructure and market for compressed natural gas (CNG) and CNG-fueled public utility buses was supported by the private sector;

WHEREAS, a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) was signed among CNG suppliers for the establishment of Compressed Natural Gas for Public Transport Pilot Project to study and evaluate the commercial viability, technical requirements and market demand of CNG and CNG-fueled public utility buses;

WHEREAS, a Supplement to the MOA was signed providing the CNG pump price and pricing structure for the Pilot Project and the Alternative Fuels Fund as a contribution for the implementation of the DOE's Alternative Fuels Program;

WHEREAS, Section 13 (General Provisions) of Republic Act 9336, otherwise known as the General Appropriations Act for fiscal year 2005 provides that departments, bureaus, offices or agencies may accept donations, contributions, grants, bequests or gifts in cash or in kind, from various sources, domestic or foreign for purposes relevant to their functions.

NOW, THEREFORE, pursuant to the provisions of the Supplement dated 26 January 2005 to the Memorandum of Agreement for Compressed Natural Gas for Public Transport Pilot Project executed on 4 August 2003 by and among the Department of Energy (DOE) and Malampaya Service Contract No. 38 Consortium, the following rules and regulations governing the establishment, administration and implementation of the Alternative Fuels Fund is hereby promulgated.

Section 1. TITLE

This Department Circular shall be known and cited as the **RULES AND REGULATIONS ESTABLISHING AND IMPLEMENTING THE ALTERNATIVE FUELS FUND.**

Section 2. OBJECTIVES

The purpose of this Department Circular is to establish the Alternative Fuels Fund (AFF) for the promotion on the use of alternative fuels and energy technologies and provide guidelines on the administration of the said Fund by:

a) defining the scope of projects and/or activities applicable for which the Fund may be utilized; and
b) defining the procedures on disbursement, accountabilities, audit and other related matters pertaining to the administration of the Fund.

Section 3. SCOPE

This Department Circular shall apply to the DOE's Alternative Fuels Program which is implemented under the Energy Utilization Management Bureau-Alternative Fuels and Energy Technology Division (EUMB-AFETD). The activities under which the Alternative Fuels Program may avail of the Alternative Fuels Fund shall include:

a) Research and development (R&D) undertakings on alternative fuels and energy technologies for pilot/experimental application;
b) Development and maintenance of prototype equipment, vehicles, and facilities to include related materials such as software program, testing protocols, fuels, parts and components, etc.;
c) Development of local standards for the application and utilization of alternative fuels and energy technologies to include acquisition of manuals, handbooks, etc. on international standards as reference;
d) Acquisition and maintenance of alternative fuel vehicles conversion kits, alternative fuel-fed original equipment manufactured (OEM) vehicles, etc. for research and demonstration;
e) Manpower capacity building of DOE personnel and program stakeholders on alternative fuels and energy technologies such as hiring of consultants/experts (international), conduct of seminars and attendance to technical trainings and workshops (local and international) relating to AFETD activities to include funding of travel, accommodation and daily subsistence allowance;
f) Hiring of contractual personnel such as drivers, mechanics and staff dedicated to the operation, monitoring and maintenance of acquired alternative fuel-fed OEM and converted vehicles, and other related equipments;
g) Such other projects/activities that promote the utilization of alternative fuels and energy technologies.

The Alternative Fuels Fund should not be construed as a replacement for or reduce any budget (regular or otherwise) allotment for Alternative Fuels and Energy Technology Division.

Section 4. ROLE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY (DOE)

The DOE Secretary shall approve or disapprove projects/activities that will be charged to the Alternative Fuels Fund. The EUMB Director will endorse to the Secretary projects/activities to be funded by the Alternative Fuels Fund. A special budget with corresponding Notice of Cash Allocation for this purpose shall be requested from the Department of Budget and Management. The disbursement of Fund shall be subject to the usual accounting and auditing rules and regulations.

The DOE shall monitor and audit the proceeds to the AFF from the Pilipinas Shell Petroleum Corporation's CNG sales. The audit shall be made within sixty (60) days from the end of each semester.

Section 5. ROLE OF THE PILIPINAS SHELL PETROLEUM CORPORATION (PSPC)

The PSPC, as provided in the Supplement to the MOA for CNG for Public Transport Pilot Project, shall set aside fifty-two centavos (PhP 0.52) per Nm³ sale of CNG for the AFF and shall be remitted to the DOE within ten (10) days after the end of each month. For this purpose, PSPC shall submit monthly CNG sales, remittances and Fund status reports to the DOE.

Section 6. SANCTIONS

Any person who violates any provision of this Department Circular shall be given the corresponding criminal, civil and/or administrative sanctions as provided under existing applicable laws, rules and regulations.

Section 7. FINAL PROVISIONS

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BUSINESS

IMF urges RP to lower OFW remittance costs

By Doris C. Dumlao

THE INTERNATIONAL Monetary Fund is urging the Philippines and other developing countries that enjoy huge migrant remittances to lower the transaction costs so as to maximize the benefits of the inflows.

In the IMF's World Economic Outlook released yesterday, economist Nikola Spatafora said transaction costs often amounted to 5-10 percent or more of the amount transferred.

"Governments should be wary of exchange rate and other economic restrictions, which may both discourage remittance flows and shift them outside the formal financial system," she warned.

The study estimated that transaction costs in the Philippines averaged at about 13.5 percent, one of the highest in the world.

Only the transactions costs in Bangladesh (16 percent), Turkey (15 percent), Bosnia and Herzegovina (15 percent) and Morocco (14 percent), were higher than the Philippines.

The country's transaction cost average is on the same level as Tunisia, Sri Lanka, and Serbia and Montenegro.

The Philippines is the third biggest recipient of migrant remittances next to Mexico and India.

The study also noted that transaction costs were lower in high-volume markets such as Mexico (about 7 percent).

"This may reflect the intensity of competition among remittance service providers, or the ability of such providers to spread fixed infrastructure costs over a larger volume of customers," the study said.

Spatafora said further reductions in transaction costs, even assuming no change in the volume of remittances sent, would automatically lead to increases in inflows for developing countries.

"[Governments must] encourage a shift in remittances away from informal, cash-based channels and toward formal channels," she said.

The study said efforts must be undertaken to reduce the cost of sending remittances, including the removal of barriers to entry and encouraging competition.

"Remittances play an important role in boosting growth rates, maintaining macroeconomic stability and reducing poverty in developing countries," Spatafora said.

She noted that remittances were allowing households to step up expenditure on basic consumption, housing and education, as well as set up small business.

"Unlike aid or natural resource revenues, remittances do not have systematic adverse effects on a country's competitiveness," she said.

The Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas has begun mapping out a comprehensive program to encourage overseas Filipino workers to course their remittances through formal channels and invest in small and medium enterprises.

BSP is also hatching a comprehensive financial literacy program intended to improve the public's ability to better understand financial information and critically address the products and services offered by banks.

Throughout the years, the Philippines has been relying on huge remittances from OFWs to boost domestic consumer demand.

In 2004, OFW remittances pumped in $8.5 billion to the economy.

Gov't must work hand in hand with farmers and fisherfolk

By Ernesto M. Ordoñez

COMMENTARY

GOVERNMENT cannot do it alone.

And when it comes to serving the agriculture sector, government must do the work hand in hand with farmers and fisherfolk. Otherwise, they will fail in their mandated task of serving the people.

We should learn from both our failures and successes, especially in international trade during this difficult age of globalization.

Success

Our government has achieved relative success in resisting the demand of many developed countries for us to implement rapid agricultural tariff reductions in the World Trade Organization (WTO) negotiations.

This is largely due to government's increased partnership with the farmers and fisherfolk, achieved under the leadership of Department of Agriculture secretaries Leonardo Montemayor, Luis Lorenzo and Arthur Yap.

Today, this partnership is institutionalized through a formally constituted body, Task Force WAAR (WTO Agreement on Agriculture Renegotiation). Leading the detailed work for the government is Undersecretary Segundo Serrano, who very ably represents us.

Farmers and fisherfolk are also represented by Raul Montemayor of the Federation of Free Framers (FFF) and Riza Bernabe of the Philippine Peasant Institute (PPI). Both FFF and PPI are members of the Alyansa Agrikultura, the largest farmer-fisherfolk coalition today.

Failure

With disastrous consequences, government representatives as well as farmers and fisherfolk were absent during the fisheries negotiation in the July 2004 WTO negotiations. The Philippine government then agreed to a 20-percent WTO bound tariff for fisheries. Previously, there had been no bound rate at all.

The advantage of not having a bound rate is that the government can decide on the most appropriate tariff rate for its citizens. A bound rate limits our flexibility. It forces us to comply with a maximum tariff rate that may not be sufficient to protect us from imported subsidized products.

Fishery organizations associated with Alyansa Agrikultura strongly protested the government action. This, they said, had not been taken up during the Task Force WAAR meetings. The DA responded with shocking news.

In the WTO, fisheries are not included in the Agreement on Agriculture (AOA), but in the Non Agricultural Market Access Agreement (NAMA) which includes mostly industrial products. Because of this, the Department of Trade and Industry (DTI), rather than the DA, led our negotiations.

The DTI negotiators confirmed that they had not consulted the fisherfolk even once on this issue. In spite of this, they agreed to the 20 percent bound rate. The failure in partnership has caused tremendous damage, especially to the municipal fishermen who are the poorest of the poor in our country today.

Expanding the partnership

It is known that when developed countries cannot get what they want in WTO negotiations, they resort to bilateral agreements. We are currently negotiating agricultural bilateral agreements with countries such as Japan, China and India. However, there is no organized body of government officials, farmers and fisherfolk leaders, such as Task Force WAAR, to undertake the negotiations.

Furthermore, when we asked for a copy of the draft of the Japan-Philippine trade agreement from the DA representatives during the Alyansa Agrikultura-sponsored forum last week, we were informed that we could not get it because they themselves did not have it. This lack of cooperation between government and farmers and fisherfolk may again spell disaster for our agricultural sector.

Why can we not learn from our prior successes and failures? We have since learned that the president of a multinational corporation has a copy of the draft, but the farmers and fisherfolk do not. Why this distorted sense of priorities?

A key recommendation was made at last week's Alyansa morning forum and adopted by the Alyansa Agrikultura Council of Leaders that afternoon. The recommendation calls for the creation of a body, such as the successful Task Force WAAR, that would undertake bilateral, as well as other multilateral, trade negotiations.

The Alyansa Agrikultura is sponsoring forums on important issues on the last Thursday of every month at the Philippine Social Science Center on Commonwealth Avenue in Quezon City. All are invited to this morning forum that features experts tackling the hottest issues of the day. The next forums will be held on April 28, May 26, and June 30 (for more information call 851-6635).

Monthly process

In the afternoon, the Alyansa Agrikultura Council of Leaders will hold a meeting to discuss the recommendations raised by the forum participants that morning. The leaders will then decide on the best course of action, On Friday of the following week, the DA secretary will meet with the farmer and fisherfolk leaders concerned to discuss the issues raised and implement agreements.

The monthly process for strengthening this partnership has started. A recommendation to expand the Task Force WAAR partnership to include other international trade negotiations was made during the March 31 forum. It was adopted by the Alyansa Agrikultura leaders that afternoon, and would be discussed today with Secretary Yap. It is hoped that this process continues. This way, the government partnership with farmers and fisherfolk would be institutionalized and we could finally move forward in developing the agriculture sector.

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BUSINESS Friday

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Business Features Editor Margie Quimpo-Espino

What small firms do to survive tough advertising arena

By Margie Quimpo-Espino

ADVERTISING old timers miss the good old days when they focused only on coming up with the best ads to sell a client's brand.

Companies trusted them, and competition was principally centered on how good an ad is.

How times have changed.

Technology, mergers, shrewder clients, shrinking advertising budgets and the mushrooming of new media venues changed the rules of the advertising game.

Following other industries, ad agencies have merged worldwide creating giants.

This affected the Philippines as most of the big ad agencies here are owned by multinationals.

Clients have also become more demanding, yet less willing to pay their agencies.

In the past, it was a strict 15 percent commission on all placements. Not anymore.

The menu for ads has never been more varied—from billboards to the Internet, to bus and train wraps.

The creation of bigger agencies has made it very difficult for smaller firms to compete—the bigger firms with the bigger advertising budgets often prefer to go with the bigger ad agencies who can get them better deals from media outfits.

In the Philippines, some of these smaller firms have also banded together to have more clout, get better deals from media, and compete head on with the biggest ad agencies.

All these changes likewise pushed some of the smaller agencies to be more creative in the services they offer, and have worked to reinvent themselves.

One of these firms is Image Dimensions.

Its chair, Louie Morales, says that on their 15th year, they surveyed their clients and asked about their needs.

The realizations include:

1. Everybody is looking for new business, new areas to explore and new business directions.
2. The market has changed. It's now a very D, E market. "If you do not think of these guys, you die," states Morales.
3. The power of communication through media.

At the same time, Morales points out that there are "no homogenous types of services. Everything is customized."

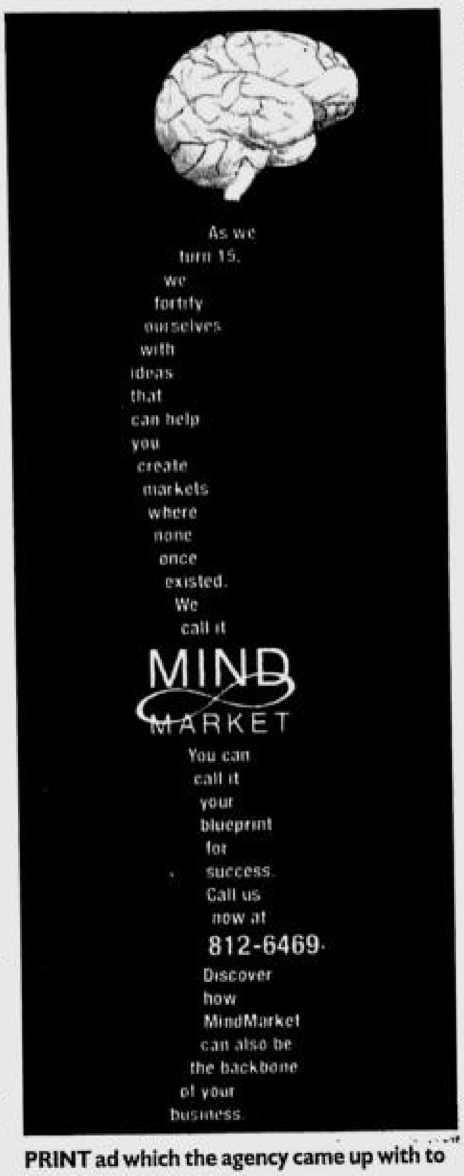
"In the past, all advertising was given to us, now no more. Clients go to you and tell you, 'I just need events to promote the products.'

Morales says the key would be to help businesses from birth, and then continue the support until the time when they can go into advertising or public relations.

"Everything in the world comes from the mind. Thus we created the Mind Market—a new offering, Morales says.

The rationale is that all things created—invented and new—have one common source—the mind.

The belief is that "the most exciting prospect is that minds can create markets where none once existed."



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PRINT ad which the agency came up with to launch its new program.

This means tapping smaller firms and guiding them in their growth. At the same time, it can also mean creating a totally new image for a big firm or a big personality.

Morales cites they helped create the Mr. Palengke tag of Sen. Mar Roxas, which created an identity in the minds of the D, E market and transformed a man into a national brand.

The Mind Market presentation of Image Dimensions also shows Betadine, which they described has a brand whose image was radically changed "from a wound antiseptic to feminine wash."

For Phinma, a conglomerate more associated with heavy industries like cement manufacturing, a new image was created with the tag line 'Life can be better' which launched the firm's entry into education, affordable housing e development.

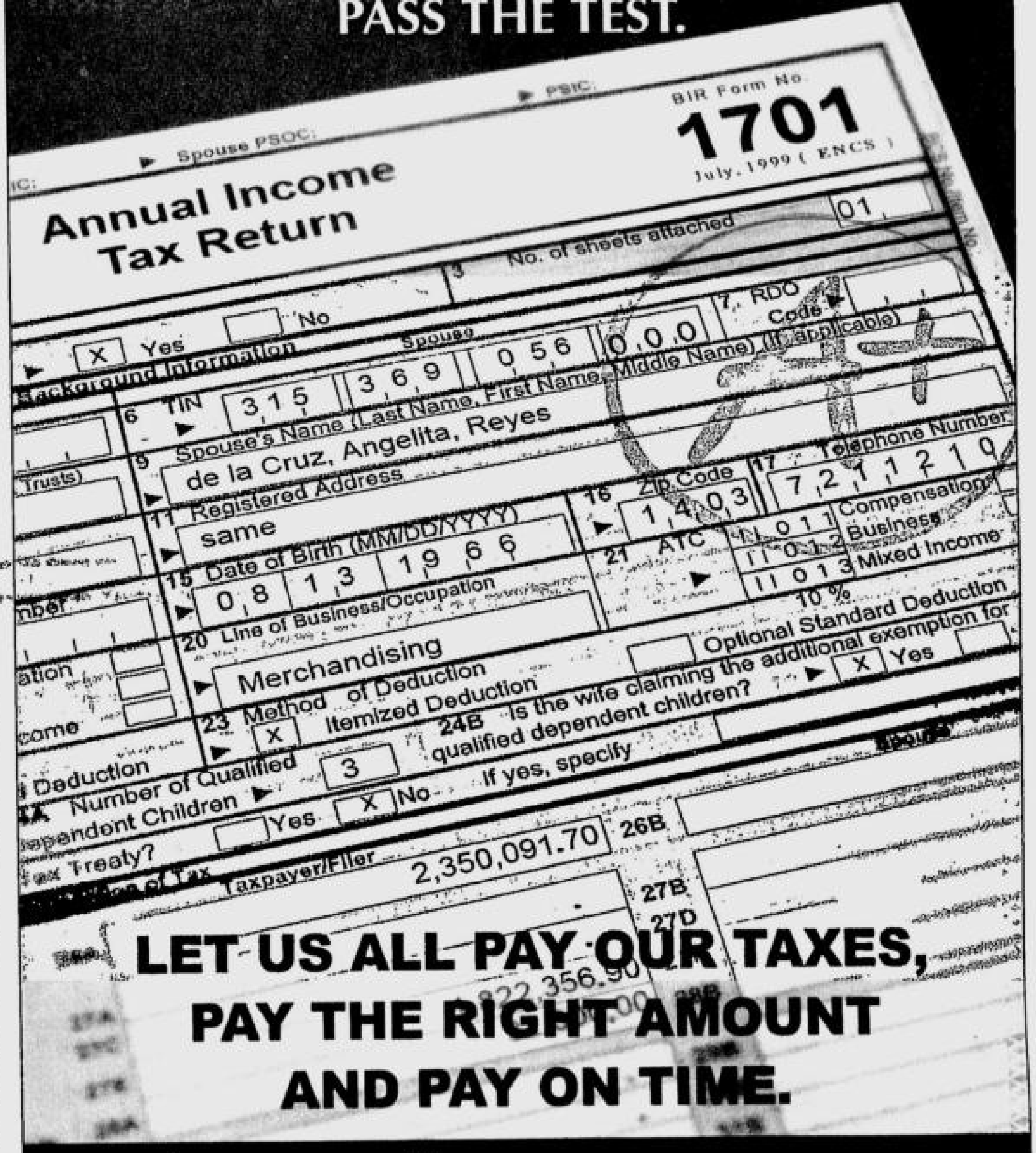
The Mind Market program was launched early this year.

Image president Mitos Camahort says that "as we moved into 2005, we felt we had to do something in the midst of the changes."

The market has changed. It's now a very D, E market. "If you do not think of these guys, you die," states Louie Morales.

Other advertising agencies are also finalizing programs that target the smaller companies that may not have as much advertising budgets as the bigger firms but have the potential.

This move of smaller agencies is actually a necessity and can spell the difference between closure and survival.



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'80s fast-food hangout adopts to the times

By Clarissa S. Batino

WHO could forget the salad bar at Wendy's, the only 24-hour fast-food hangout in the '80s that was and has remained a sanctuary for hungry students with limited allowance, who have to stay awake all night studying for tomorrow's big exam?

Remember the heaping macaroni salad resting on a bed of lettuce followed by layers of corn and carrots then topped with red gelatin, lots of cheese and of course, thousand island dressing.

Putting together the mammoth salad and downing it has always been a group effort for the young customers of Wendy's.

Well, the red-head girl with pigtails is about 22 years old already in the Philippines and she wants people to revisit her old charm amid the *bling-blings* that fast-food competitors have created.

WENDY's was the only 24-hour fastfood then.

Yvette Pardo-Orbeta, president of Wenphil Corp., says the company is opening more stores, launching new products, moving more aggressively into the "health and fitness" market but never compromising the quality of its food just to increase revenue.

"Wendy's is reinventing itself. And this reinvention is in keeping with the fierce competition in the industry while enhancing our strong qualities, especially the healthy menu that Wendy's has been serving," she says.

Wenphil is the local franchisee of Wendy's International. The local firm is controlled by the family of former Finance Secretary Jose "Titoy" Pardo and George Araneta.

The fast-food store is working together with the Department of Health to develop a healthier menu that would include a new line of salads on top of its salad bar, Caesar's salad, and side salads.

Wendy's has always been geared toward the fitness market. Aside from the salad, staples on its menu are the baked potato and its freshly made iced tea mixed with real calamansi.

"We are working with a nutritionist to come up with even healthier options. We are also developing an information campaign that would help educate the customers on how to put together a healthier mix from the salad bar," says Pardo-Orbeta.

From just cream-based sauces, the salad bar now has dressings like olive oil and vinaigrette. Irene Moran, marketing manager of Wenphil, says that the market has become more receptive to healthy eating, which makes it easier for Wendy's now to push its healthy food.

"We want people to eat well, eat food that nourishes not just those that ease hunger. Yes we are a fast food but yes, we can be healthy too," says Moran.

This year, Wendy's Philippines is spending about P150 million to open six full stores and 10 half-stores or those outlets inside mall food courts that Wendy's International allowed its local unit to build only recently.

There is one down-sized outlet already in SM Makati and another one opening up in Gateway Mall in Cubao.

Asia Pacific marketing manager of Wendy's International David Kusz visited Manila in early March and gave a thumbs-up for the half-store innovation of the local Wendy's franchisee.

"It wasn't allowed by Wendy's International but we asked so that we can keep up with competition, which we all know has become very stiff. Wendy's is a very good brand that has been quiet," says Pardo-Orbeta.

DAVID Kusz and Yvette Pardo-Orbeta

Now, she says Wendy's wants a second look as its 40 existing outlets to continue to serve the customers' old favorites and pretty soon, new lines are to hit the outlets.

The red-head in pigtails was first in a lot of things. Hers were the first 24-hour stores, the first delivery, the first salad line and the first customized burger, which unfortunately, very few know about.

Moran says the concept of Wendy's in the United States and when it started here in 1983 is really to serve the burger the way a customer would want it to be.

"Wendy's is the only burger chain that is willing to customize a client's order—say, you want two or three patties with mayo, no cheese, cucumber. You can actually make your own sandwich at Wendy's," says Moran.

People on no-carb diet can actually order just the patty and the sidings without the bun. A customer can actually request for a no-salt patty on his burger but would have to wait several minutes because of the preparation.

"When we see people not eating the pickles or setting aside the tomato or onion in their burger, we feel bad because of the waste. We hoped they just told our crew to remove the ingredients they don't want," says Pardo-Orbeta.

In trying to capture a bigger slice of the highly competitive burger and fast-food market, Wendy's is not going to compromise its quality.

"Our burgers are made from 100 percent pure beef. Our bread is outsourced but the recipe is patented. The same with our ketchup. Even our cooking oil is of high quality," notes Pardo-Orbeta.

This is the reason why Wendy's could not go into the Pinoy-burger market.

"We can't because Wendy's standards are too high. What we do is try to adjust to competition through innovative ways," says Moran.

Kusz, according to Wenphil, agrees that Wendy's has to adapt itself to the local situation.

"The Super Value Menu is a great example. We took on the US idea—a range of 11 high quality food items available for 99 cents each—and developed a version of the program for the Philippines," Kusz says.

"For just P20 to P29 for each item, our customers can enjoy a hamburger hot off the grill, a freshly prepared salad or a cool and creamy Frosty dessert. Our customers just love Wendy's Twenty's," the Wendy's regional marketing executive notes.

For Wendy's, surviving cutthroat competition is about striking a good balance between global standards and local flavor.

Cement firm earmarks ₱10M for RP students

CEMEX Philippines Foundation has earmarked P10 million to help uplift the educational dreams of Filipino students.

The foundation, which is fully funded by local cement maker Cemex Philippines in line with its social responsibility program, is anchored on objectives that will help build the next generation of Filipinos through education.

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PHOTO during ceremonial turnover of P10 million shows Jaime Ruiz de Haro, Cemex Philippines Foundation president; Ignacio Ortiz, Cemex Asia SVP; members of the board of trustees Doña Consuelo Madrigal, Rep. Edcel Lagman and Ambassador Roberto Romulo.

The non-stock, non-profit organization has initiated projects that include computer donations, library improvement program, distribution of school supplies and feeding program to undernourished students. Also lined up are art competitions for social awareness, the launching of a program that will train students for higher education and grant of scholarships to deserving youth.

During its launch, foundation president Jaime Ruiz de Haro said, "the projects hope to uplift the people, help them grow, aspire for something better, develop as individuals, as a community, as a country... through spreading knowledge and skills."

Ruiz de Haro added that by instituting educational program, Filipino children are given quality education they deserve, presenting them with better options and better choices for the future.

Cemex senior vice president for Asia Ignacio Ortiz for his part stressed that the greater responsibility is in sustaining these initiatives and ensuring that the plans will turn dreams into realities, and possibilities to actual choices.

In addition to the formal launch of the foundation, an "Auction for Education" was also held. Winning art entries from the 1st Cemex National Art Competition for Children was put on the auction block for purposes of raising funds for the Minuyod Elementary School in Infanta, Quezon. The proceeds will be used to upgrade the school's basic infrastructure, computer and library facilities.

Starbucks donates P2M to Unicef for early childhood program

FOUR months after launching a fund-raising drive for early childhood care and development (ECCD) programs in remote disadvantaged communities in the Philippines, and for victims of the tsunami disaster that hit several Asian countries, Rustan Coffee Corp., the sole licensee of Starbucks in the Philippines, recently turned over P2 million ($37,037) in donations to United Nations Children's Fund (Unicef).

Unicef executive director Carol Bellamy, who is in the country to attend the 112th Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU) Assembly, lauded Starbucks for its support as she accepted the donation in a simple ceremony.

Rustan Coffee director for operations Angela Cole handed over a 2-ft. Starbucks Cup symbolizing all the funds raised for the project to Bellamy and Unicef representative to the Philippines, Dr. Nicholas K. Alipui. The ceremony was also attended by popular singer Gary Valenciano, the Unicef's national goodwill ambassador.

Project SparkHope

The SparkHope fund raising project was launched in November 2004, primarily to support Unicef's ECCD program in nine "adopted" barangays.

According to Cole, the project is a reinforcement of Starbuck's commitment to contribute positively to its Filipino communities. With Unicef's dedication and expertise, Starbucks hopes to ensure that the children in targeted barangays will be able to achieve their fullest potential through improved early learning programs focused on the first few years of life.

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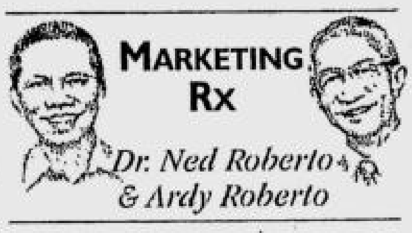
Advice for a pizza entrepreneur - II



MARKETING Rx

Dr. Ned Roberto & Ardy Roberto

LAST Friday, we prescribed different promotional tactics that a reader—a pizza store proprietor, puzzled about the low sales of his store despite his great location and great tasting pizza—could take to encourage product trial and customer traffic.

That was just one-half of the pizza business equation. The other important half that we didn't mention is the service side. Running a pizza restaurant is basically a service marketing business. So the pizza entrepreneur's concern about how he could reach his sales target and how he could reach his "target student customers" who were "not coming to his store" should also be diagnosed from a service-marketing microscope. (Since he mentioned that he was losing about P2,000 to P4,000 per day, we are treating this as an urgent marketing prescription that requires more attention.)

In a few previous MRx columns, we've talked about what makes for successful service marketing. Let's recall that concept.

Service marketing = theater

Chris Lovelock, author and acknowledged service marketing guru, says: "A satisfying service performance is like a good play in a theater: good actors (or service personnel), good stage set (or service venue, physical facilities, equipment, etc.), and good staging (or service processing)." So satisfying customers in a fast-food store or restaurant to the point where they will repeat and will keep on repeating the experience is determined by: (1) satisfactory store service personnel, (2) satisfactory store interiors and ambiance, and (3) satisfactory store service processing from customer entry to exit.

It's a lot of work, checking that all of that is in order but it's worth the effort.

In the case of the losing pizza entrepreneur asking for advice we'd ask these diagnostic questions and continue with our marketing prescriptions as follows:

What do your student customers expect of your store service staff and are your people delivering on those priority expectations?

Customer zones

What about your store facilities and ambiance? Are they aligned to what your target student customers like?

McDonald's made a science out of service customer satisfaction. It divided the entire store into "customer zones:" the approach zone, the entrance zone, the counter zone, the dining zone, and (even) the toilet zone. The idea is simple. In McDonald's long experience with satisfying store customers, these were the areas that affect customer satisfaction with "the stage of the eating experience." Often, someone invariably asks: "But why the toilet zone? Do customers eat there?" That's of course quibbling and forgetting to properly put the issue in the bigger picture of a satisfying service experience for the customers.

And finally, check out your customer service processing from customer entry to exit. Observe your customers from the time they come in, locate a table and take their seats, place their order and wait, are served, eat, ask for their bill and pay, and then exit. As you observe, at what point or points were there any show of (even non-verbal) annoyance or irritation, or outward and loud expressions of slight or significant complaint? Study these. They are rich opportunities for service improvement.

Next, continue your diagnosis to the next most important question: What's the relationship among these three determinants of satisfactory customer service experience?

The service marketing literature says that the relationship is "multiplicative." This means that if you fail in one of the three, then you fail in all. For example, suppose your student customers rate your store on a scale of 0-10 this way:

Service staff = 0
Service venue = 10
Service processing = 10

Under a multiplicative relationship, your store's total satisfaction score will be:

(0 rating for service staff) x (10 rating for service venue) x 10 rating for service processing) = 0 total satisfaction.

What is this saying?

If your service staff sucks, then even if you scored the highest in service venue, and again highest in service processing, the customer's total service experience is disappointing. Anything multiplied by zero is equal to zero.

Exceptions to the service rule

Our research in customer satisfaction especially in service marketing has challenged this proposition.

We've found the multiplicative relationship true in many cases (several product categories and a number of market segments). But it did not hold in other instances and in just as many cases.

For example, in fast-food restaurants and food courts, and especially *carinderias* and canteens, the multiplicative relationship did not hold. Then for certain specific market segments, it also seemed not to be at work. For example, customers of three-star hotels, Class DE shoppers in general, and the elderly do not seem to mind if one or even two of the three factors are somewhat deficient (as long as it's not all three). These consumers are more forgiving.

In these cases, the operative relationship is "additive" more than multiplicative. So if your store customers are additive-minded or hearted, look (in the example above) at your total satisfaction score under an additive relationship:

(0 rating for service staff) + (10 rating for service venue) + 10 rating for service processing) = 20 total satisfaction.

That's two-thirds of the total potential score of 30. And that's still a high total score.

So it matters if you have a forgiving (additive-hearted) customer segment or an unforgiving (multiplicative-hearted) segment. Find out in the case of your target student market. Do your own research. It should prove insightful and exciting. Hopefully, this will help your pizza store become profitable!

Hope that helped you learn to take a total diagnosis framework in dealing with your marketing problems as well as get you closer to the problem-solving prescriptions you're after!

Send questions to MarketingRx@pldtDSL.net or text us at 0919-314-5412.

Young creative team lands 4th place in ad competition

By Angel V. Guerrero
Contributor

A TEAM of young Filipino creatives placed fourth in the recent Young Creative Competition during the Asia-Pacific Advertising Festival held in Thailand recently.

The team, composed of Brandie Tan and Tin Sanchez of BBDO Guerrero Ortega, competed against 34 participants from 17 cities. The brief was to find an idea to launch "Contagious," a new UK quarterly information magazine, in Cannes. Instead of the expected traditional TV and print ad executions, the young creatives were jolted out of their comfort zones and asked to develop ambient and Web-based solutions.

Linda Locke, chairman and executive creative director of Leo Burnett Singapore, who moderated the workshop, said the standards of work this year were higher than last year's. "The winning work was selected because it put the brand into the hands of one of the toughest audiences in the world"—advertising people attending the Cannes Advertising Festival.

The festival's top winners were Cheung Bun Yeung and Wen-Shiu Louie of Ogilvy & Mather Hong Kong.

The BBDO Guerrero Ortega team was the second place winner in the Philippine Creative Guild's Camp Young Creatives workshop held late last year where 17 advertising agencies participated. The teams were composed of junior art directors and copywriters.

The top placers of the local competition, Ben Berdin and Carlos "CJ" Jimenez, from JimenezBasic are set to compete in Cannes Advertising Festival on June 19-25. The team will have only 24 hours to create a print ad from a brief disclosed to all competitors the night before the competition. There will be young agency talents from over 30 countries worldwide competing. The work will then be judged by the Outdoor, Press and Cyber Juries and exhibited at the Festival. (Log on to www.canneslions.com for information on Cannes.)

In the local Camp Creative Young Creatives competition, the advertising task was "to provide Filipinos with a 'model identity' that they can identify with and to rally to as one people."

Winning campaigns

Lilit Reyes, organizer of the competition and outgoing Creative Guild president, explains the choice for the topic stemmed from the Filipinos' need for a "cohesive, national, cultural identity, and he does not know where to start with. We wanted to do something about correcting the Philippine image among Filipinos themselves."

Yoly Ong and Gi Gatchalian of Campaigns & Grey authored the competition brief.

The winning advertising campaign from the JimenezBasic talents had a unanimous vote from the judges. The campaign line, "*Kaya mong makipagsabayan Pinoy*!" CJ Jimenez explains the creative handle, "there are certain Filipino colloquialisms that perfectly capture the idea that we are all made equal, e.g. "*Pare-pareho lang tayong naghuhugas ng puwit; Iisa ang kulay ng dugo. Wala namang tumatae ng ginto.*" (We all wash our bottoms, the color of our blood is the same, and no one craps gold!")

Their TV storyboard shows a janitor entering a hotel bathroom as a Caucasian man leaves the toilet. The janitor manages to look down the toilet as it is flushing. He reacts. "Hey! They don't crap gold!" The print ad has as its main visual, flags from the US, Japan, and the Philippines, with only one color applied—red, to signify that it is the same red blood that runs through all of us. The Jimenez-Berdin tandem said it just took them a couple of hours to come up with the ad idea and from then on they focused on the executions.

The team has been getting offers from other agencies since their win but has turned them down because "JimenzBasic takes good care of them."

The second prize campaign by Brandie Tan and Tin Sanchez of BBDO Guerrero Ortega was developed from a mind-mapping exercise which they then narrowed to the concept "Make the Filipinos indispensable. Filipinos have a role and place in the world." The big idea, "Imagine a world without Filipinos!" One of the print ads had as main visual George Bush doing his own laundry. The TV commercial depicted extreme situations of a world without Pinoys—ships crashing without Filipino seaman, nurseries without nurses, chaotic classrooms with no teachers.

Tin Sanchez has had a taste of winning big being part of the agency (BCD Pinpoint) team that won the Philippines its first Cannes Lions Direct Bronze for the "Dos por Dos" direct marketing campaign two years ago. Brandie Tan has also been recognized internationally for his work on "Bantay Usok.

Third place of the Philippine competition went to Dante Dizon and Angelica Tijam of TBWA Santiago Mangada Puno.

The panel of judges from leading creative agencies were Richard Irvine of Hemisphere Leo Burnett, David Guerrero of BBDO Guerrero Ortega, Raul Castro of Lowe, Melvin Mangada of TBWA Santiago Mangada Puno, Micky Domingo of McCann-Erickson and Ompong Remigio of Campaigns & Grey.

The Adboard (Advertising Board of the Philippines) sponsored both teams to the international advertising competitions. This will be the first time for the country to send a young creatives representative to Cannes. All part of the push by Celine Madamba of the Philippine Daily Inquirer, the official Cannes Philippines representative, to promote the festival and bring Filipino talents to the world advertising stage. Lilit Reyes, outgoing president of the guild who introduced the young creative competition two years ago expects to institutionalize the project through the continued support of the Adboard and the Philippine Daily Inquirer.

JIMENEZBASIC'S young talents Ben Berdin and CJ Jimenez

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SparkHope partnership with Starbucks in the Philippines has brought in results for children in just a few short months," said Bellamy. "SparkHope is a testament to the Filipinos' concern for children."

Since launching SparkHope, Rustan Coffee together with its customers have raised over P1.4 million for the ECCD project. After the killer waves that hit many Asian countries last December, Starbucks also initiated another fund-raising campaign for Unicef to help children in the tsunami affected areas and gathered around P6 million more.

"The concept of retail stores and customers adopting rural villages is quite innovative and I am personally excited about the prospects of this idea," says Bellamy.

The total amount of funds raised over the relatively short period has exceeded the expectations of Jun Lopez, president of Rustan Coffee Corp.

"The response to the project has been overwhelming," says Lopez. "It heartens me to experience passion of our customers through their involvement with SparkHope."

SparkHope's' launch pad was the Starbucks Traditions 2005 Planner Promotion where a P50 donation came with every planner redeemed. Customers, however, are also encouraged to make donations directly to the project through a collection box located in the SparkHope stand placed in every store.

"The P1.4 million for SparkHope will go a long way toward providing early learning opportunities for the majority of children in the barangays that Starbucks and Unicef have adopted," says Unicef's Alipui. "I hope that Starbucks customers will realize what kind of difference they have made and will continue to make on the lives of the children in these remote villages."

"As we continue to grow and provide more Filipinos with the Starbucks Experience, we also continue to find new and better ways to give back to our communities" says Rustan Coffee's Lopez. "SparkHope is our way of creating hope for the many young Filipino children living in our poorest of barangays."

The innovation of SparkHope lies not only on its focus on Early Child Care and Development, but more so on the framework that Starbucks stores together with its customers adopt and nurture a remote and disadvantaged barangay. Moreover, each Starbucks store will have a corner dedicated to SparkHope, and customers will be continually updated on the progress of the barangay.

"By tracking the progress of each barangay," explains Alipui, "we will be able to update the Starbucks partners and customers on the positive effect of their contributions."

"While we encourage our partners (employees) to take on their adopted barangay as if it were their own, we also hope that our customers acquire this same sense of ownership for these communities," says Lopez.

"98 percent of a person's brain development occurs in the first few years of life, and thus focusing on these years is a simple yet highly effective way to better the chances of a child's success in school, at work, and in life," says Alipui.

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Mr. Kevin Y. Hartigan-Go
Vice President-Information Systems
PAL Data Center

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Ms. Marilou L. Torres
Administrative Services Officer
Trade and Investment Development Corporation of the Philippines (TIDCORP)

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"Even at only P10, we still get the same high quality NDD service as before. No network congestion and no choppy signal. We don't hesitate to call as often as we want and we don't need to hurry with each call we make. The only difference now is that we're saving more on calls."

Ms. Ting B. Gonzaga
Project Management head
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Mr. Romeo D. Yacap Jr.
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Around the world on a shopping spree

Manila's fashionable denizens talk about their favorite shopping haunts and fab finds abroad

APPLES' PICKINGS

Apples Aberin-Sadhwani

Part 1

SHOPAHOLICS will agree that besides cultural forays to the Guggenheim Museum in New York or Bilbao or the Louvre in Paris or gastronomical treats in Tsukiji (the early morning fish market in Tokyo) or some obscure trattoria in Tuscany, one definite joy of traveling is discovering new shopping meccas that offer unique, stylish and, if you're lucky, affordable finds.

I, for one, always make it a point to explore the fashion, arts and interior design scene, specifically on the lookout for homegrown brands and designers, in every place I visit. Admittedly, my heart starts racing each time I step into a mall, outlet store, flea market or any interesting new boutique.

Of course, it helps to do a little research before you head anywhere. The Internet is always a good source of information, as are magazines and certain shows on TV, but there's nothing quite like word of mouth.

So, to give you (and me) more exciting shopping options when traveling the globe, here are some of Manila's fashionable denizens talking about their favorite shopping haunts and fab finds:

E-mail the author at apsadvice@hotmail.com

Tweetie de Leon-Gonzalez

Jewelry designer, Ice Crystals

I haven't been much of a shopper since I had my third child. I'd much rather sight-see and take photographs than shop. Everything I need is here in Manila.

But I couldn't resist the unbelievably affordable prices of the Prada outlet right outside Florence in Italy. I bought as many items as my conscience could muster. I got presents for family and friends. Been there once, don't mind going back again.

Pauline Suaco-Juan

Editor in chief, Preview magazine

Hands down, my favorite shopping destination is Bangkok. I love going to the stores of Thai brands Soda, Senada, Kloset, Fly Now, Greyhound, Issue and It's Happened to be a Closet. Their clothes are very young and modern and the store interiors are super stylish.

I also love oriental markets, like the Grand Bazaar in Istanbul and especially the Khan el Kalili in Cairo, because it's a great place to buy accessories.

Blue Carreon

Fashion and style editor,
Philippine Tatler magazine

Orchard Road in Singapore always excites me. I just love how all those fabulous shops are laid out on one long street and how they often go on sale. On my last trip there, I snatched up a pair of Gucci shoes for a fraction of how much they were selling here. I also like Queen Street in Toronto because of its fantastic mix of independent local stores with chain retail companies that sell everything from clothing to pop/mod-ish home ware, which I am currently obsessed with.

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ERWIN P. Enriquez (center), a chemistry professor of Ateneo de Manila University, won P1 million in Robinsons Malls' raffle promo "A Million Times Merrier." With him are (from left) Marlon Ilagan, Coca-Cola account executive; Adrian Morales, Coca-Cola territory sales manager; Tess Miranda, Robinsons Malls ad and promo manager; and Wilfredo Villegas, Coca-Cola account executive.

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MUSICAL. Paco Park Presents features violinists Michael Joseph Vargas and Carmina Gutierrez and guitarist Ferdinand Medina. Admission is free.

CONCERT. Concert at the Park presents the Sindaw Folkloric Dance Troupe in "Kayamanan ng Lahi." The event will be held April 10, 6 p.m., at Rizal Park open-air auditorium, Manila. Admission is free.

WORKSHOP. Learn to swim at Starland Theme Park and Resort at the 4/L of Metropolis Star Alabang. Open to all ages this summer. Call 8504283. Starmall Las Piñas, on the other hand, will conduct free badminton clinics and basic taekwondo lessons to kids 13 years old and below on April 12-14 at the 2/L, Wellness Hub of Starmall Las Piñas. Call 8725249/ 8725235.

SALE. Sta. Lucia East Grand Mall holds a summer sale on April 15, 16 and 17. Get up to 50-percent discounts on a wide variety of items. Every P500 single purchase receipt entitles you to a raffle coupon in the 18th anniversary giveaway promo. Get the chance to win an X-Trail, home appliances, gift certificates and grocery items at the second grand draw on May 20. Call 6815401.

WORKSHOPS. Summer Nature & Arts Camp for Kids will hold the following workshops at Nicotina Garden Pavilion, Roxas Blvd., Pasay: Preparing for a Beauty Pageant, April 15-17; Fitness Training at Home, May 10-11; Public Speaking in English, May 16, 18, 20. Call 7241762/ 7267164/ 0917-8991835.

FAIR. Laguna Lifestyle Fair will be held April 16 and 17 at Plaza Regina, Paseo de Sta. Rosa, along Sta. Rosa-Tagaytay Highway. Call 0917-9925401/ 0917-5410688.

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FAIR. The Mother Earth Fair will offer natural therapeutics and healthcare products on April 16-17, 10 a.m.-6 p.m., at Santuario de San Antonio Parish Social Hall and Court Yard. Call 8250804/ 8253482.

WORKSHOP. Businessmaker Academy will hold Basic Bead Accessories workshop on April 16 and 27. Fashion designer Jeni Padua will conduct the workshop. Call 6874445/ 6873416/ 6874645.

MUSIC WORKSHOP. Shine Dot Com offers a Music Workshop at Celebrity Club, Capitol Hills, QC, for kids 7-13 years old. Sessions start April 18, Monday-Wednesday, 10-11:30 a.m. Call 9228632/ 09278872703.

WORKSHOP. Creative Media Professionals Guild of Asia and the Pacific will hold the Tagaytay Film, Broadcast and Creative Workshops on April 25-29 and May 9-13 at Development Academy of the Philippines Conference Center and Hotel in Tagaytay City. Call 9261883/ 9251916/ 4133840.

WORKSHOP. Batang Pinoy Artist conducts an ongoing summer art workshop until April 30. Open to all ages. Call 0915-4061575/ 0920-4127142/ 0917-9423958.

THE NATIONAL Committee for United Nations Development Fund for Women-Philippines recently celebrated International Women's Day with Supreme Court Chief Justice Hilario Davide as principal guest and keynote speaker. Photo shows Davide receiving his honorary membership from Erlinda Enriquez Panlilio, Unifem NatCom Phils. chair, and president Georgitta Pimentel Puyat.

Around the world on a shopping spree

From page C1

Patrice Ramos-Diaz

Designer

When in Hong Kong, I always have to go to Space (Prada and Miu-miu discount outlet). I've bought two bags and two wallets there. I always end up buying shoes at the It stores in Hong Kong and Shanghai. I've bought four pairs of Marc Jacobs flats and one pair of Miu-mius and some other unknown brands that are stylish and of good quality. I also bought my fave Paul Smith watch at the It outlet.

There's also one store in the Shanghai Xiang Yang market that I always visit, and from where I bought two Catherine Malandrino dresses (which I sold to a client), a Marc Jacobs fleece pea coat and a DKNY jacket.

In London, I love this store called Accessorize It. It's a good place to buy *pasalubong*. I also like Pineal Eye and Cocontozai, where they have nice clothes and hard-to-find CDs. I could only afford the CDs, though. In H&M, I bought some tops and in Collette in Paris, I purchased a CD, a book and a souvenir Tour de Eiffel keychain.

Ariel Lozada

Director

In New York, I really like Jeffreys in the meat-packing district. Also If for fashion and Moss for home accessories.

In London, my current favorite is the Dover Street Market where I got my "Undercover" jacket and jeans. Brick-lane in east London is where you can find vintage and some artsy stuff.

Tippi Ocampo

Designer

My favorite shopping meccas are the flea markets in Europe, where I've bought a leather crocodile doctor's bag, vintage leather luggage set and some street art. There are also interesting books, vintage watches, jewelry and funky coats!

Hindy Weber-Tantoco

Designer, Culte Femme

My all-time fave place is still Barneys. I've never been to Selfridges in London, but I hear it's even better. Barneys has that uptown-downtown look down pat. I also love little shops like Kirna Zabete and Steven Alan. H&M is fab too, because I can afford everything and that is very satisfying. But because I love to shop, I would do it anywhere really, though preferably out of the mainstream malls.

Vic Barba

Designer

Den Haag in Holland for shoes, the Marais in Paris for vintage finds and Chatuchak in Bangkok for the greatest of bargains.

Rhea de Vera

Brand manager, Louis Vuitton

In Paris, I like this little shop called Françoise Montaigne on Rue St. Honore for pretty, vintage-inspired jewelry made of crystal and semi-precious stones. The owner also sells one-of-a-kind pieces, which she reworks.

In New York, I love going to Barneys. I think it is one of the best examples of luxury retailing, with great service, plush and chic interiors and the most stylish sales staff I've ever seen. I buy my favorite jeans brands at the Co-op floor. For cosmetics, I love Henri Bendel and Sephora.

In Asia, I like shopping at Singapore's Wisma Atria on Orchard Road for its wide variety of hip local fashion brands, and Books Kinokuniya at Takashimaya for its extensive selection of books and magazines.

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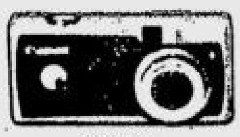

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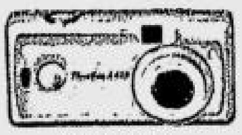

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His papacy was cool

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The ultimate irony is how the conservative Pope has become so New Age, so now

JOHN Paul II connected, still connects. Anybody could "channel" him. That's why the world has become his stage, across generations. He was/is something to everyone, from an old-generation *catolico cerrado* to a lost pierced-nose youth.

He could be a father, a pastor, a friend, a mentor, a counselor. He was just there, an image ready to be channeled and shaped by any audience, any lost soul in need of an "other" in this vast empty universe.

He was an antidote to our alienation.

That became so obvious as you watched those nameless faces on CNN.

He was an ultra-conservative Pope who didn't digress from dogmas and teachings, whether it be on contraceptives, divorce or homosexuality and women in the ministry. And because of that perhaps, he didn't bring the Catholic Church up to speed with the 21st century.

Yet it was ironic that, if you think about it, he was so New Age. So Zen. So Now. How?

Apparently just by being himself. Stripped of his vestments and the infallibility of his office, he was, in our eye, a good man. He had good thoughts and positive energy for everyone, including his assassin—conflicting faiths and politics, save perhaps war and communism.

He transcended geopolitics and current issues, even those of his own Church, to radiate faith in the basic goodness of man.

He didn't resolve by confrontation, didn't eye the mere resolutions of conflicts, didn't steamroll his way. He was more farsighted than that. Instead, he manifested faith in the rightfulness and goodness of things and people.

That was how he went with the flow, and perhaps in the end, achieved. He had the ultimate and inner sense of power—he didn't need to wield or flaunt it.

His was a feel-good papacy.

He knew that balance and harmony couldn't be achieved at the conference table or in the gilded confines of his palace, so he ventured out onto the world, and let the world catch his positive energy, his good vibes. And he succeeded, judging from the worldwide mourning today.

You hang on, not to his words or speeches, but to his presence. How cosmic. What could be more contemporary than that?

Therefore, analysts must stop wondering how a conservative papacy such as John Paul II's has become so cool, hip, so now. His body so utterly useless to him now, Pope John Paul II is now a thought, an idea, an energy, a faith. That is being immortal.

Like all great men, Pope John Paul II didn't need erudition to make a difference in this world. He merely reminded and showed man that he/she is good.

Updates

Kiehl's, the beauty/health care brand favored by discerning women, is now in the Philippines, brought in by L'Oreal. That's really good news to women who had to source abroad their Kiehl's lip balm, moisturizer, even shampoo.

Orlando Bloom is the new James Bond. But just so he doesn't have to fill the shoes of iconic **Sean Connery** or **Pierce Brosnan**, Bloom will be the Young 007, James Bond when he was at Eton, the exclusive British school. The movie will be a prequel to the James Bond series. Now that's extending the brand to the younger generations.

Superhero is the way to go, even in fashion. **Isaac Mizrahi**, the New York designer who blazed some trail when he signed on to design off-the-rack lines for the store chain Target—and sold well—is doing a new thing yet again: he's creating "supermodelhero."

One word, take note. That means the svelte body must be able to high-kick, fly, and protect the world from evil—while on stilettos. Target is launching the first in a series of four "Supermodelheroes" on its web site.

Mizrahi, known for his cult movie, "Unzipped," directed and wrote the online video series. It's about the adventures of Haqueensha, the supermodelhero who was abandoned by her parents as a child and grew up with her grandmother.

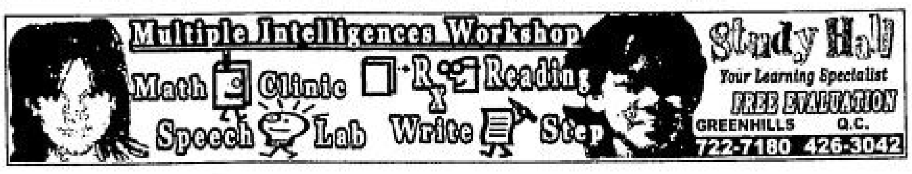
Of course, the video will feature Mizrahi's spring collection. Browsers can click on a look and be led to the place on the site where they can buy the item. "It's the sophisticated technology every heroine understands, except for me," Mizrahi told Women's Wear Daily.

Mizrahi and Target are using these "webisodes" to launch hair, shoes and "Transformation" on the site. This move is adding yet another platform to fashion marketing. Raising the bar, so to speak.

Mizrahi told WWD: "Anybody who knows me knows how much I love films. It's the karma of my life. I feel like I am an idiot cinematographer. I don't know how to operate a camera, but give me a cinematographer and I turn into Renoir."

Speaking of film-directors-at-heart designers, we wonder if it's really true that **Tom Ford** is directing the movie version of "The Devil Wears Prada."

POPE John Paul II blesses children during the midnight Christmas Mass in St. Peter's Basilica on Dec. 24, 2003. REUTERS



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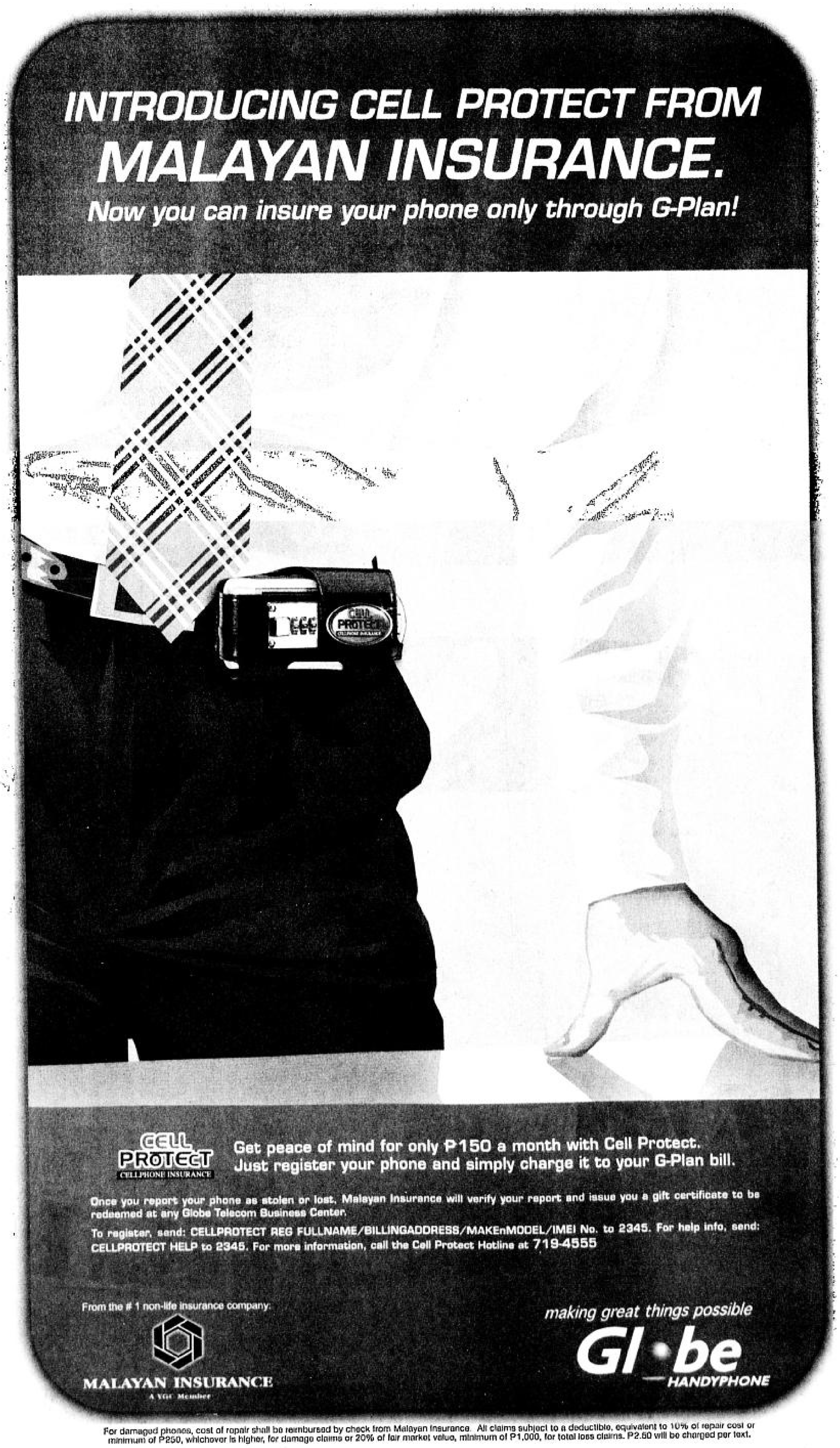

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WINNING riders. Yvette Lopez, Nikki Revilla, Mateo Lorenzo, Natalie Zani and consistent Manila Polo Club Rider of the Year, fashion designer Vittorio Barba

DR. TED Herbosa and wife Dr. Grace H. with their gang, Jeena Llamas Lopez and Oscar Lopez Jr.

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PR consultant Jingjing Romero and Sony Ericsson GM Dennis Manzano

SOUTHEAST Asian Games, here we come! Sony Ericsson Showjumping Classic champ Toni Leviste Jaworski and Joker A. Arroyo

Great fun at the eque

WITHOUT BATTING AN EYELASH

Maurice Arcache

Photos by **Alex Van Hagen** using **Kodak** EasyShare system

JUST because it was the first qualifying test to choose the members of the chi-chi Philippine Equestrian Team to the 2005 Southeast Asian Games, did not mean it wasn't great fun.

Those who have never heard of such gorgeous four-legged friends like Globe Platinum Leap of Faith, Luisita, Gorgeous, Bailey, Starburst, Rustic Rouge, Intrigue, Godiva, Darby, Geronimo and Without A Doubt, have obviously never met the real champs who ride them.

The two-day Sony Ericsson Showjumping Classic at the posh Alabang Country Club gave us a chance to rub elbows with these total horse-riding teams. Sony Ericsson hotshot GM **Dennis Manzano** and Philippine Equestrian Federation president **Peping Cojuangco**, no less, *palanggas*, congratulated renowned hot Olympian rider, beautiful **Toni Leviste** , for her victory.

Rep. **Dodot Jaworski** was on hand to cheer his favorite rider, **Mikee Cojuangco-Jaworski**, *natch*! It was an affair famille for Philippine General Hospital doctors **Ted** and **Grace Herbosa**, who cheered their daughter **Gabby**. Equestrian enthusiasts were led by the health buff, ABS-CBN Publishing president **Ernie Lopez**, and his wife, **Jeena Llamas**, as well as by **Yvette Lopez** and Los Tamaraos Riding School bosses **Miguel** and **Janine Felix**.

Three generations of riding enthusiasts were there, such as **Cecille** and **Eric Mañosa**; Ambassador **John Rocha** and his wife, **Pilipina Berenger**; and tall and young **Marissa Vda. de Rocha**, with her daughter, **Bea**; DFNN.com CFO **Dickson Co**, with wife **Judy** and daughter **Chelsea**.

Leah and **Martin Lorenzo** applauded **Lucas, Mateo** and **Diego Lorenzo**, three of the country's youngest and most promising riders.

Technical director and judge **Mitos P. Belofaky** was here, there and everywhere, *palang-*

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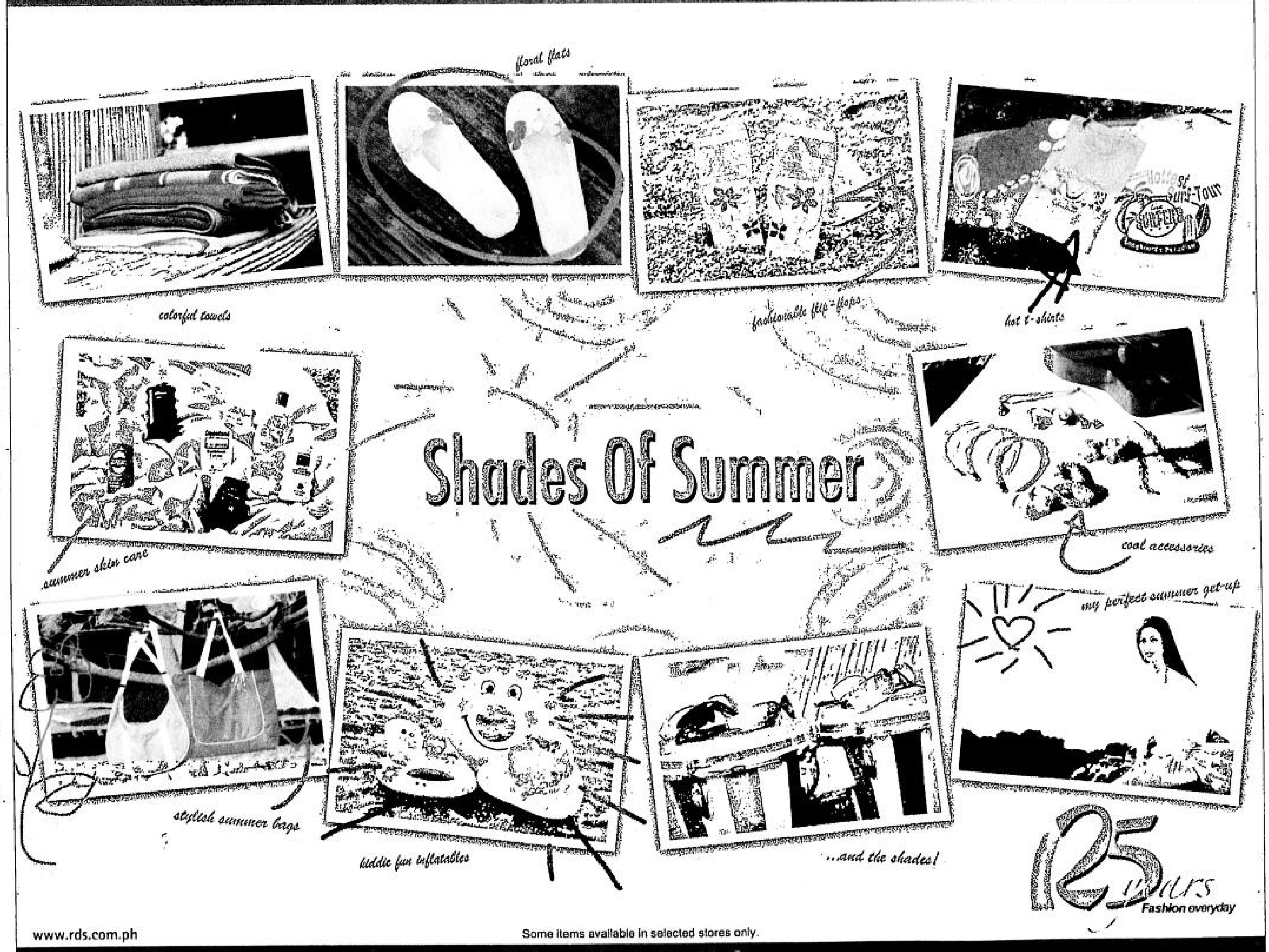

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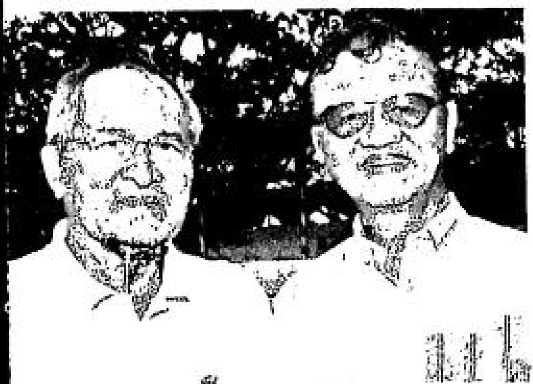

SAR Buenaventura and Peping Cojuangco

AH and Martin Lorenzo with winning rider Lucas renzo

, making sure that the competition met international ndards.

Mitos applauded Sony Ericsson for "having the vision support the sporting event and allow riders and audi- es alike to experience world-class show-jumping."

Everyone left the field feeling even grateful to Sony Er- son for a thrilling afternoon of watching super horse ider and superstars making the jump of winners. Cool, *anggas.*

chemy

Have you heard of alchemy? Well I haven't, till I dashed er to the chi-chi Edge at the towering, eye-catching, e McKinley Place. Apparently, *palanggas,* alchemy is h an art and a discipline. Medieval scientists believed y could transform base metals and turn them into d. An attempt to discover the elixir of life and achieve ultimate luxury.

So, all that passion that spurred the great alchemists to sist in the quest for excellence—the best that life could er—was born, for today's sleek and ultra-modern rld. "Technology is the key to achieving luxury," said alchemy people.

That night Mobile Alchemy was beautifully introduced, nging together Globe Platinum, Motorola and Jaguar The Big 3 celebrated the coming of the sharp, sleek l sophisticated essence of the high life, *palanggas.*

The Edge was transformed into a red-carpet venue, ere elegant flower arrangements interspersed with -catching, ultra-sleek Platinum spokesmodels, The b Trons, who cleverly showcased the Motorola Razr

The affair grooved to smooth, down-tempo sounds. th sumptuous servings of cocktail platters, it lived up to stunning, chic elegance that only Globe Platinum ld deliver.

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The medieval alchemists might have traded their quest gold for science—but, *palanggas,* Mobile Alchemy ves that it is people having a good time who constitute best chemistry.

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Bright, vibrant looks

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ON PAOLO (seated): pink polo shirt with floral appliqué, orange polo pique shirt and cotton-twill khaki shorts; on Georgia: pink polo pique shirt with contrast collar, white denim capri pants; on Anton: cream polo pique shirt, aqua-blue striped polo pique shirt and RL Hayden jeans; on Noelle: orange-striped polo pique shirt, denim capri pants

POLO JEANS Co. by Ralph Lauren, gets into the summer spirit with its new collection of candy-colored tees and perfect-fitting bottoms.

Bright is this season's statement with Polo Jean Co.'s array of tops—pique shirts, cotton woven button-downs and regular cotton tees.

The all-time favorite collared shirts come in eye-catching shades such as pink, orange, aqua, green, blue and red, or in more neutral hues like cream or white. Polo Jeans Co. also has a series of collared shirts that combine bright rainbow colors and laidback neutrals.

The collection also reveals a youthful vibrance through its color palette, fun stripes, classic checks and playful florals. Two-toned logo pieces add an interesting twist to an otherwise ordinary top or cap.

Bottoms from this season's collection range from stylish Hayden Jeans, refreshing khaki shorts, sassy capri pants and cargos to ultra-fab Kelly Jeans. These pieces in fabrics like denim and cotton twill, come in tones of indigo, cream and white.

Detail is also a key element. Go utilitarian with flap pockets, or sexy in stretch jeans that are cut to fit every curve of the body.

Polo Jeans Co., is exclusively distributed by Stores Specialists, Inc., and is available at Alabang Town Center, SM Megamall, Robinsons Place Manila and Rustan's Makati.

ON ANTON: cream polo pique shirt, cotton-twill khaki shorts, two-toned logo cap; on Noelle: blue polo pique shirt, orange polo pique shirt with contrast collar, cotton-twill khaki shorts

ON GEORGIA: [illegible] cotton woven shirt; on Paolo: [illegible] cotton tee, green polo pique shirt, cotton-twill khaki shorts

ON GEORGIA: [illegible] white denim capri pants; on Noelle: baby-pink cotton tee, denim capri pants

ON PAOLO: [illegible]

ON PAOLO: pink polo pique shirt, cream cotton-twill shorts; on Georgia: white polo pique shirt with pink collar, white cotton-twill shorts; on Noelle: Red Polo Jeans tee, denim pants with flap pockets; on Anton: aqua-blue cotton tee, checkered cotton woven shirt with side pocket

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But as time goes by, health becomes an issue that starts with an annoying weight gain problem. This is true especially for Filipinos because we are extremely vain and particular with having perfect curves at the right places. It is typical to get comments or compliments on one's figure as a greeting. Nowadays, men are becoming more conscious about their bodies. Belly bulges and unsightly flabs are not macho anymore like before. As a matter of fact there have been studies showing that men are willing to follow a work-out plan or drink slimming pills for leaner bodies. But as some slimming pills have harmful side effects while gym work-outs eat much of one's precious time and money as well, men are left with no other option than to go under the knife. But why resort to a costly, professionally altered body when slimming down can become a lifestyle in itself?.

Drinking tea, specifically green tea is proven helpful in ridding the body of unwanted fats and bad cholesterol. Experts believe that green tea, though categorized as food in the market, gives healthful benefits to men.

Gang Xian Herbal Tea for Men, a new product from the makers of Kankunis, a well-established slimming tea for women, is now out in the market. It contains three types of Camellia sinensis, a known slimming ingredient in the market today. With the combined strength of Camellia sinensis of Wulong tea, Kung ting tea and To tea, one is assured of great results in no time.

Aside from helping one get a better shape, Gang Xian's ingredients have beneficial health benefits to men. Wulong tea acts as an anti-ageing agent, blood pressure stabilizer and immune system booster. It also improves the digestive system and prevents heart diseases. Kung Ting tea has anti-oxidant properties that help fight against cancer. It is also an effective agent that lowers cholesterol level, restrains the growth of bacteria and reduces the risk of blood vessel blocking and heart attacks. While To tea is known to reduce the cholesterol levels in the body.

The concoction also contains Cassia obtusifolia which contain emodin, a form of laxative making it a good remedy for chronic constipation. The ingredient also lowers the plasma cholesterol, prevents formation of atherosclerotic plaque in the arterial wall and lowers the blood pressure level. Folium Nelumbinis is known to be responsible for dispersing excess heat and increased body energy. The Chrysanthemum leaves contain a longer anti-hypertensive effect. Its traditional therapeutic and weight maintenance. This tea is also for metrosexuals, the new breed of men in the Philippines who are very conscious of their bodies.

Gang Xian does not need any prescription because it is made of natural ingredients. It is available in cans of 30 teabags at **P398.00**. There are also trial packs of 5s at **P66.00.**

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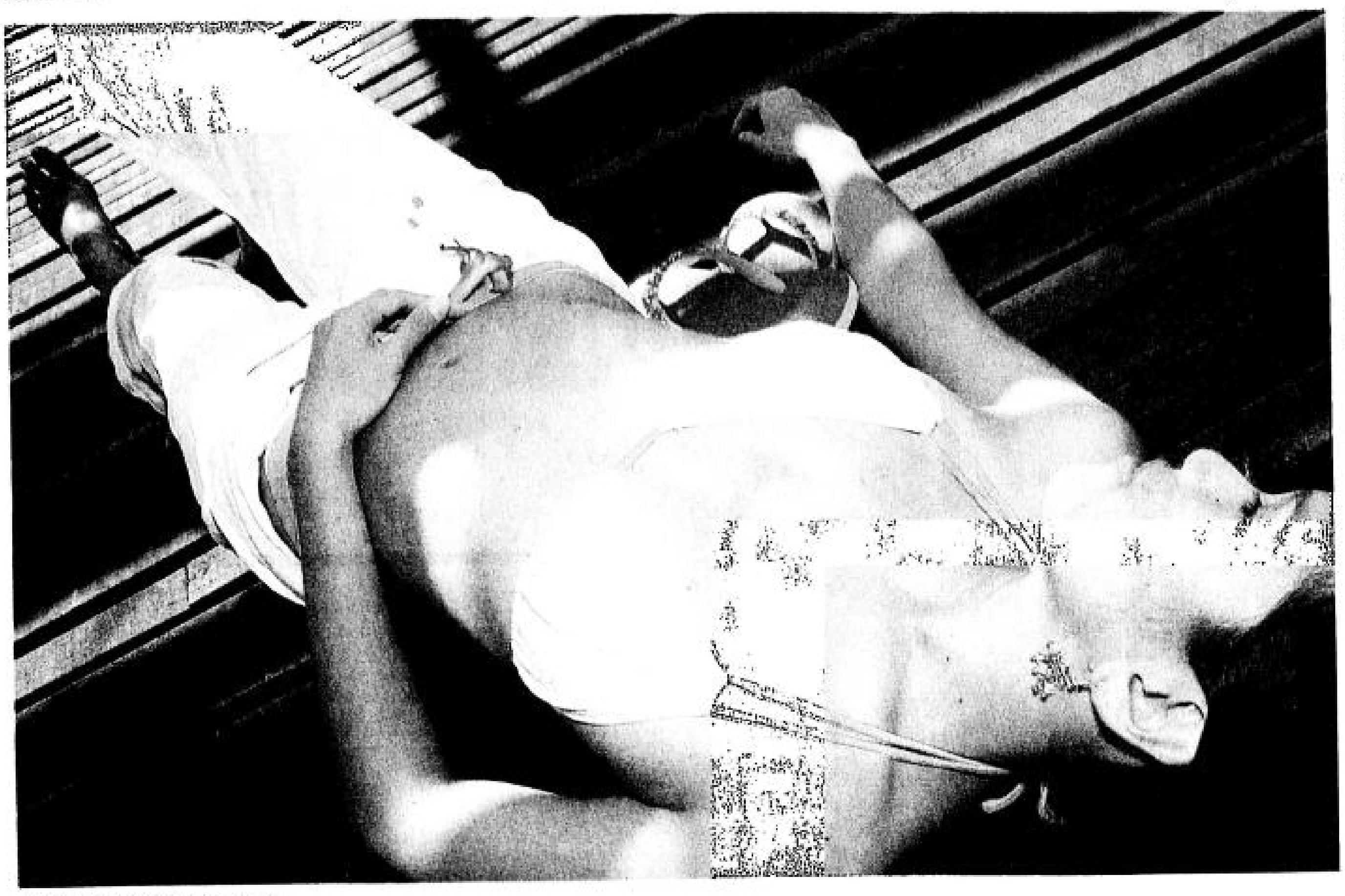

AQUA and white two-piece string bikini by Beached, white jeans by Victor, turquoise and coral dangling earrings by Ice, lavender and aqua beaded flip flops by Atillo

WHITE two-piece bikini by Beached, multi-stranded turquoise neckpiece by Ice

Pinoy summer

Text by Gem Padilla
Contributor
Photos by Joseph Agcaoili

THE ANNUAL summer shopping ritual is upon us. The search for the perfect bathing suits and the usual complementary accessories such as totes, flip flops, jewelry, has begun.

There is a glut of products aimed to take advantage of the heat of summer in various colors, fabrics, cuts and labels. Dominated by foreign brands, these items can usually be found at a chi-chi mall nearest you.

Luckily, locally designed and made summer products are not hard to find. It was right in my very own backyard. Models-turned-designers/entrepreneurs Tweety de Leon-Gonzalez of Ice, Kathy Santamaria-Escano of Atillo, Sen Sanchez of Design 1130 and Rica Villaluz of Beached had plenty of items that fit our summer shoot. They let us have a taste of summer fashion Pinoy-style.

Adding sizzle to our Pinoy summer shoot are products from designer Anna Chavez, Waicoco by Ketty Estrella, Ochie, Tomato, Neat Kits and Victor Jeans by Inno Caluza.

Others like it foreign, but some like it Pinoy-hot.

POPSICLE-ORANGE two-piece bathing suit by Beached with mustard macramé tunic by Atillo

WHITE tube by Anna Chavez, wooden bangles and necklace by Design 1130, white macramé bag and flip flops by Atillo

BEIGE bandeau by Waicoco, maroon sarong by Atillo, necklace by Design 1130

MODEL: RICA VILLALUZ
STYLIST: IZZA GONZALES-AGANA
VENUE: NEW WORLD RENAISSANCE HOTEL POOLSIDE
MAKEUP: CHRISTINE VILLARAMA
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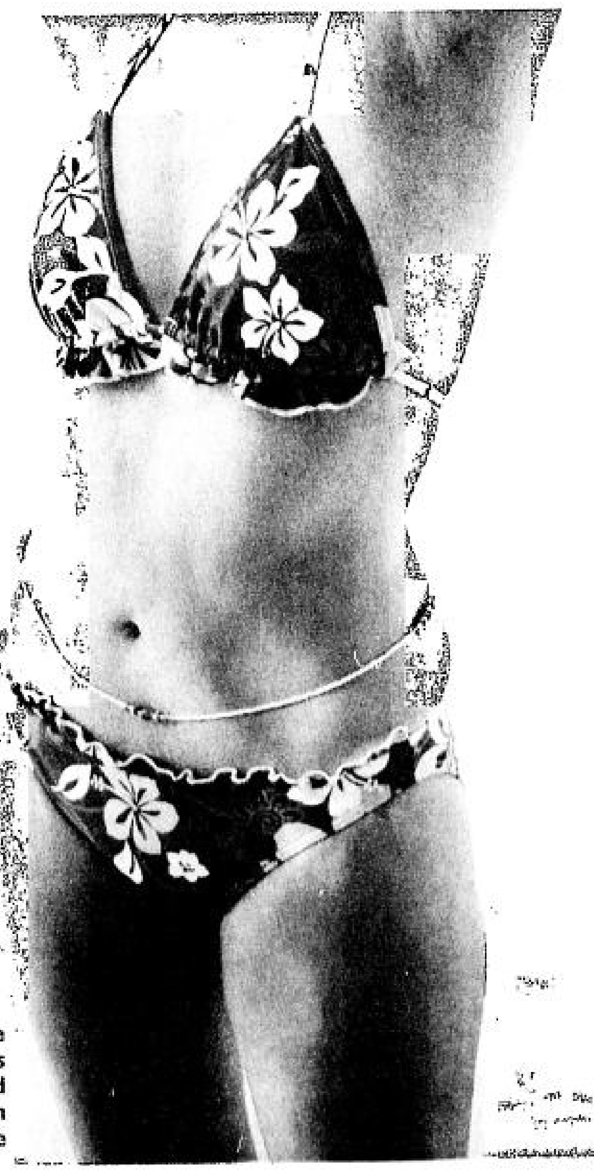


FLORAL two-piece swimsuit with ruffles by Waicoco and beaded waist chain by Ice

BEADED barefoot sandal by Ice

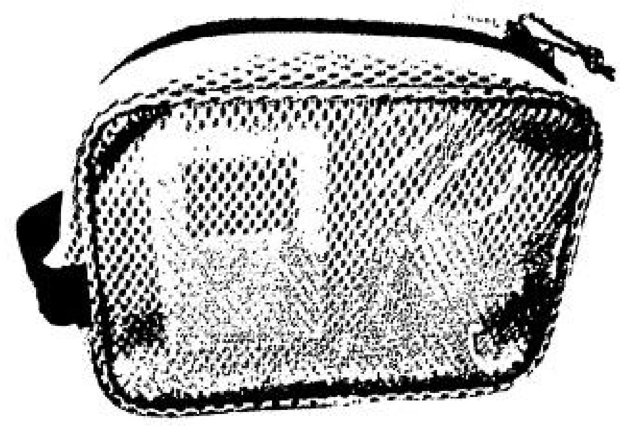
PRINTED tote by Tomato and green abaca sandals by Ochie

ARMY-GREEN two-piece bathing suit by Beached and beach bag by Neat Kits

NOMAD Adventure Gear's E-mesh line

Sturdy accessories

Nomad Adventure Gear's E-mesh line is now available in Toby's Arena, Glorietta. These are shoe bags, utility kits, spill-proof travel pouches and other accessories and organizers made with sturdy plastic-laminated mesh, perfect for people who enjoy active lifestyles. Items are available in grey and black in various sizes.



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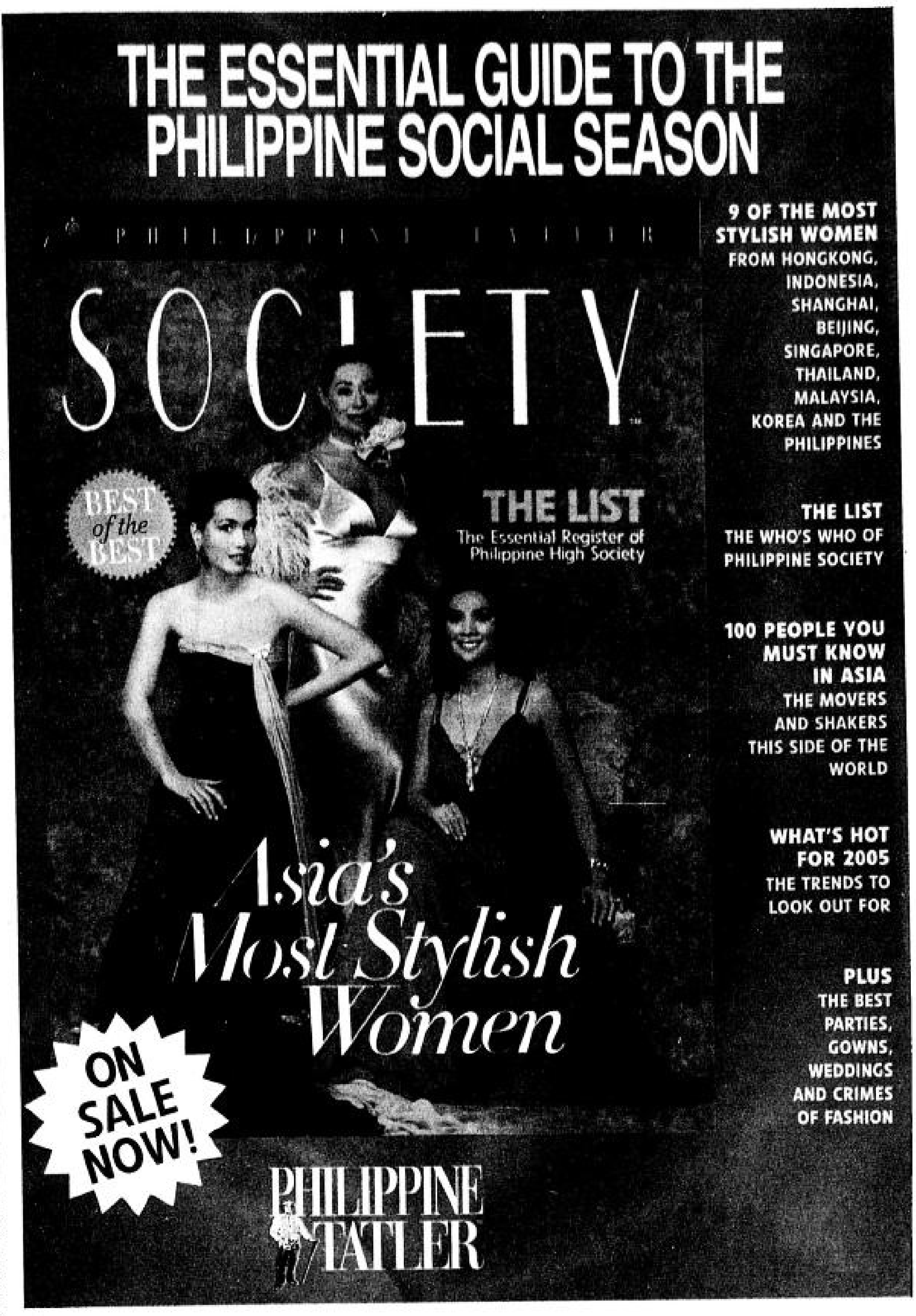

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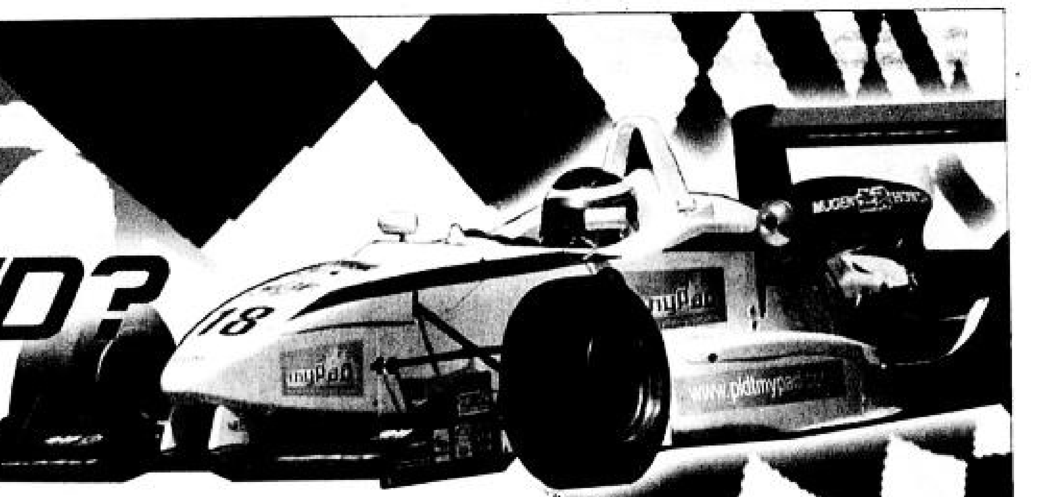

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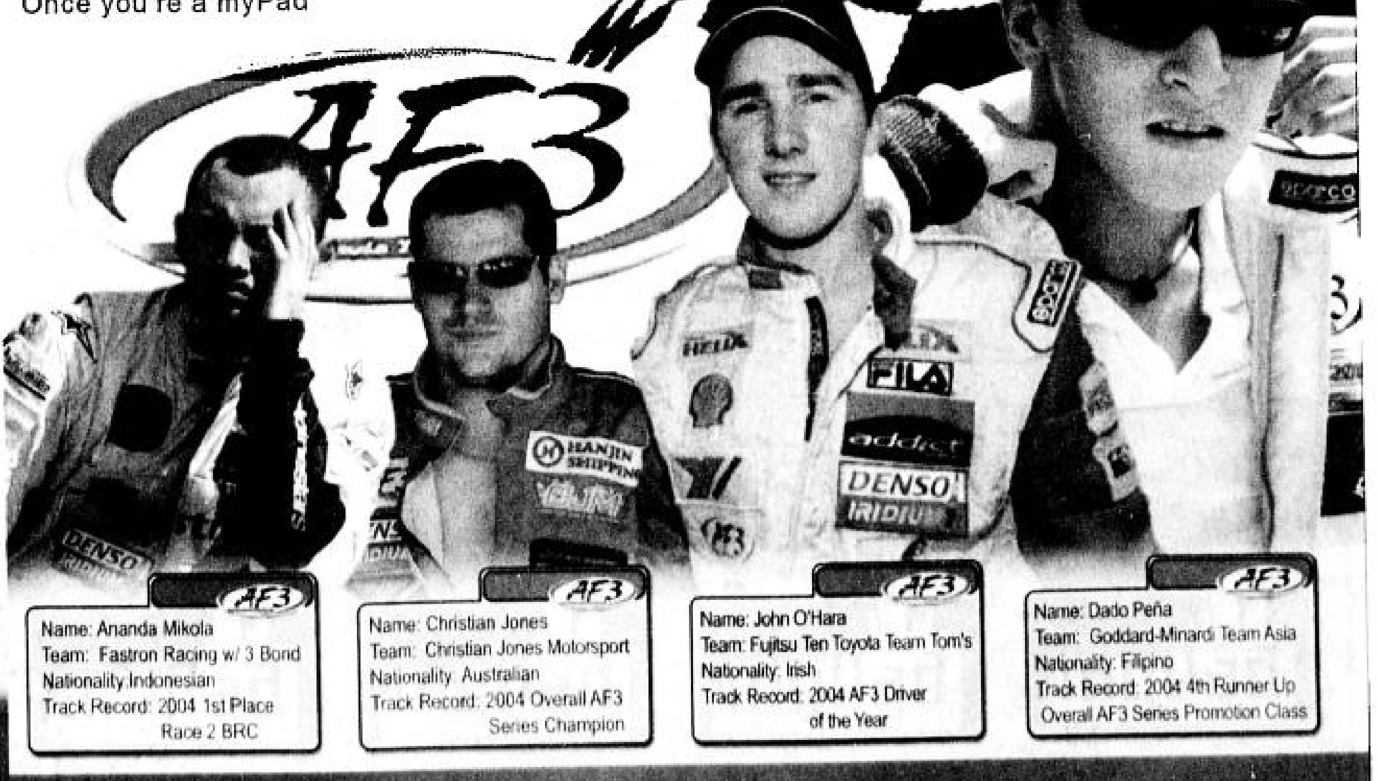

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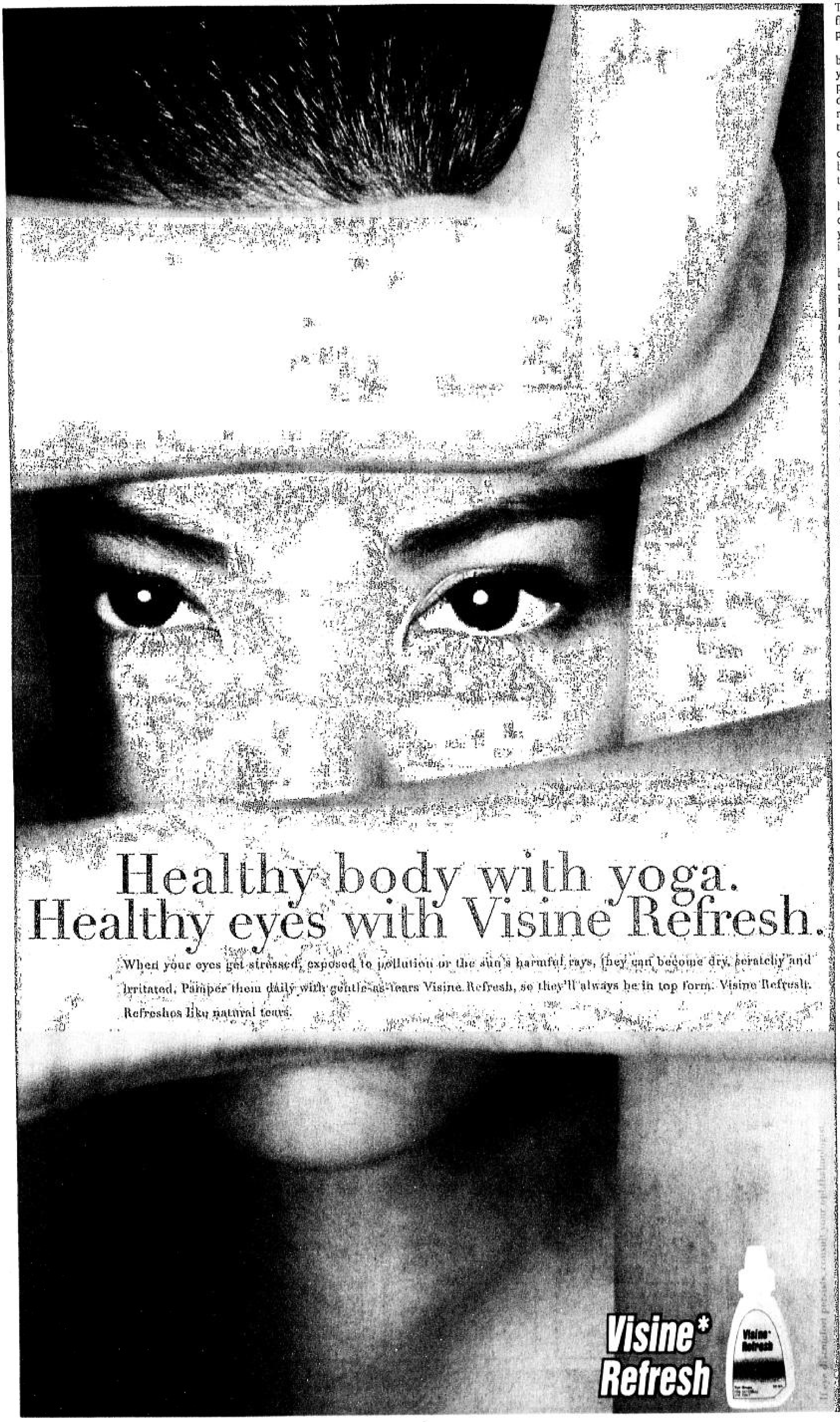
WHITE tube top, yellow sarong, floral brooches and bracelets

ON MARILEN: striped tankini top and Liberté blue shorts. On Bianca: striped tankini top and Liberté light-yellow miniskirt

LIBERTÉ striped top, floral board shorts, bandana and earrings all from Robinsons Department Store



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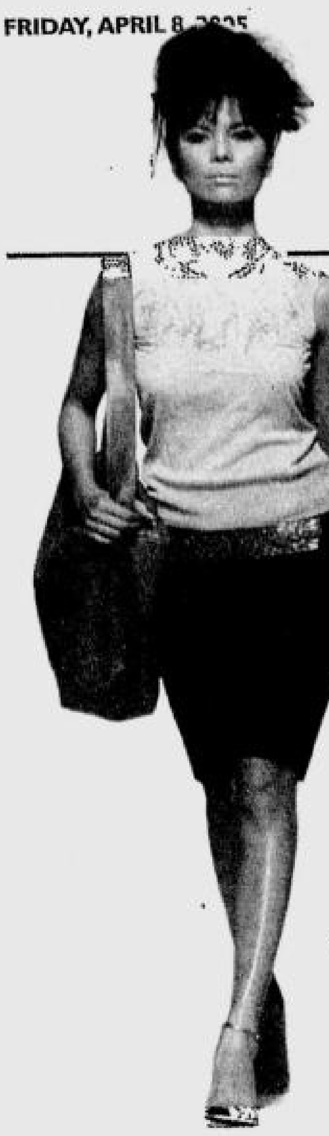

WEARABLE separates from Yvonne Quisumbing-Romulo, who chooses a mix of materials and shades of skin

Fountain of youth

Text by Alex Y. Vergara
Photos by Jim Guiao Punzalan

Young designers inject Philippine Fashion Week with a whiff of originality

YOUTH isn't always wasted on the young. Imbued with fresh ideas and seemingly limitless energy, several young fashion designers didn't allow their relative lack of experience to stop them from coming up with some of the best and most creative pieces in the recently concluded Philippine Fashion Week at the Fort's NBC Tent.

Not only did the likes of Ivarluski Aseron, Joey Samson, James Reyes and Yvonne Quisumbing-Romulo prove that they've got what it takes to shine in the cutthroat world of couture, they've also shown through their

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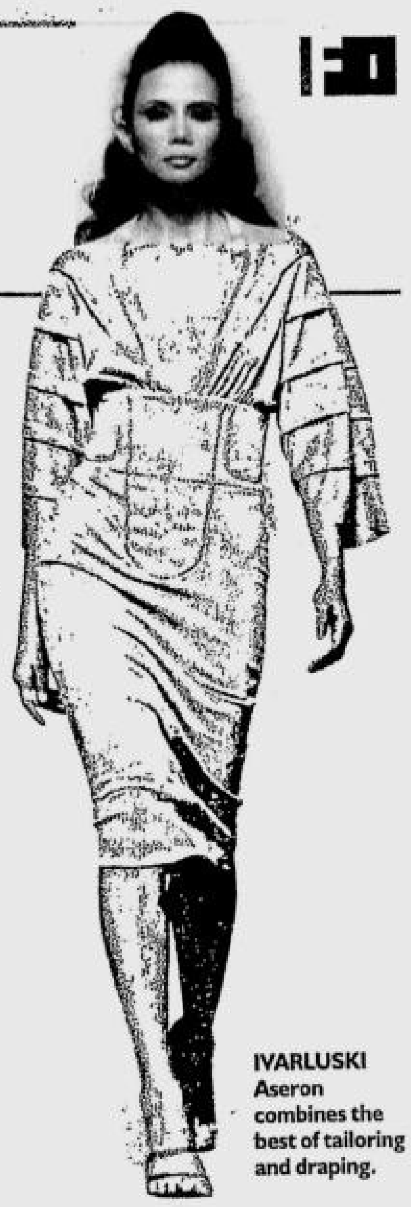
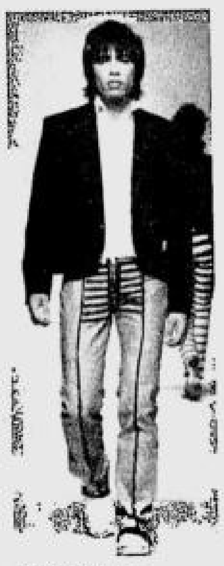


IVARLUSKI Aseron combines the best of tailoring and draping.



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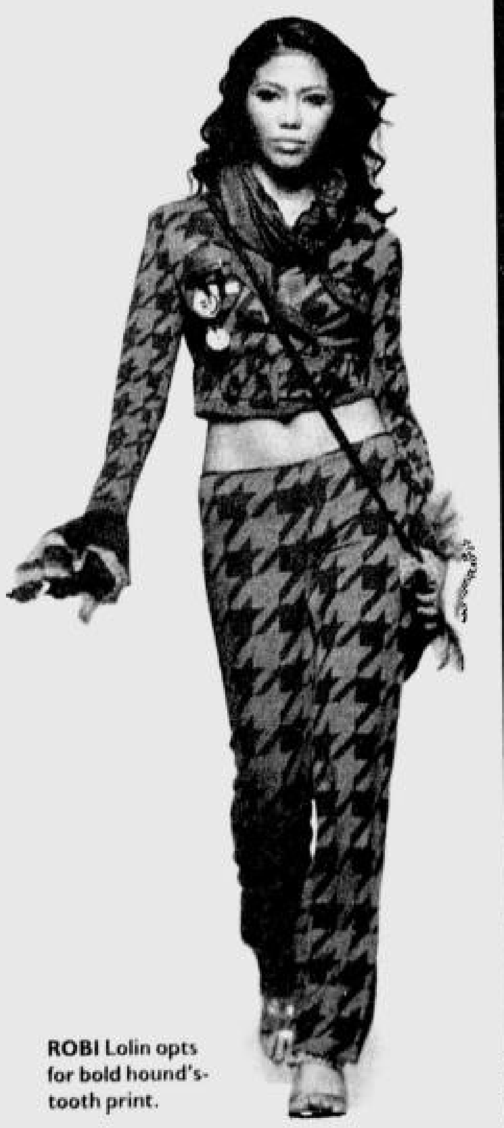

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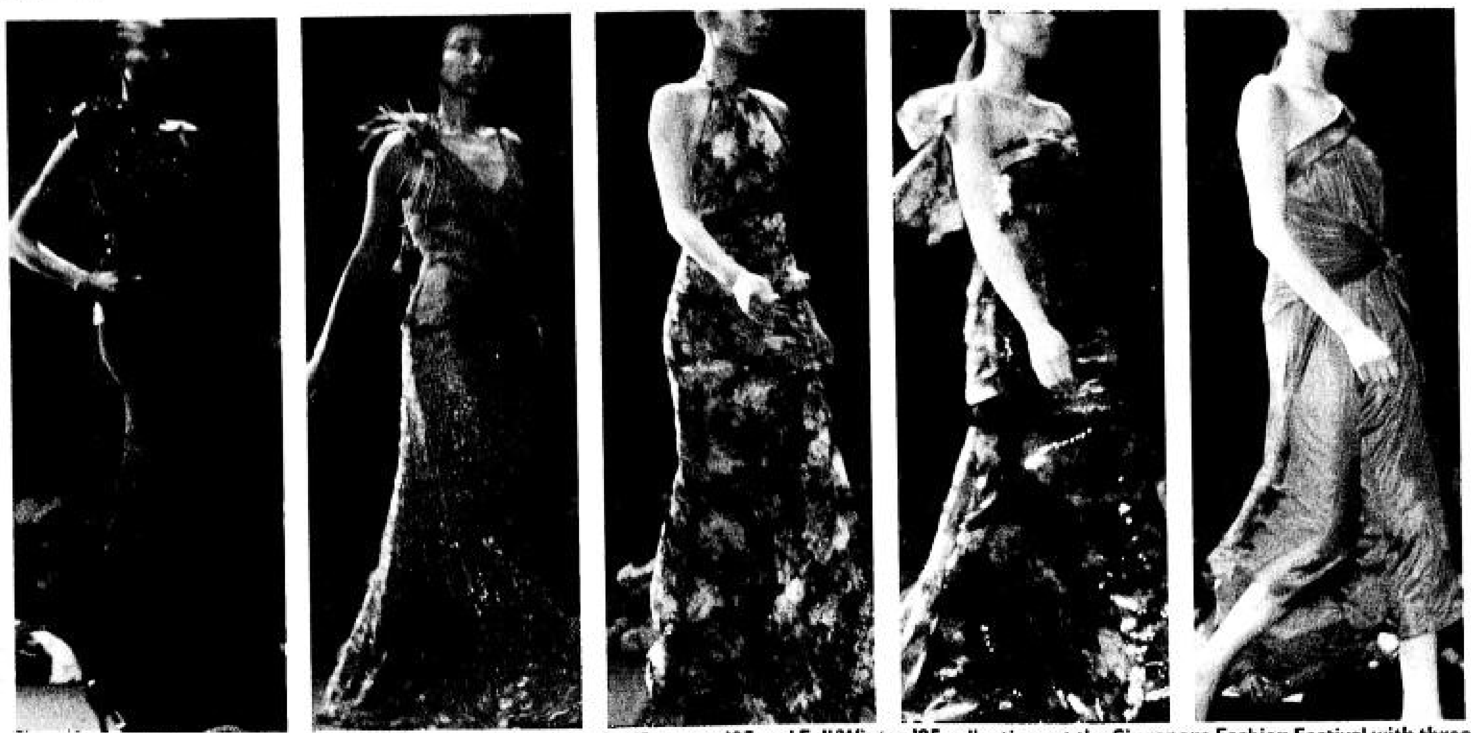


RED CARPET. Singapore-born Ashley Isham presents his Spring/Summer '05 and Fall/Winter '05 collections at the Singapore Fashion Festival with three other UK-trained designers—Ashish (India), Bora Aksu (Turkey) and Jean-Pierre Breganza (Canada).

'Not just pretty-pretty'

UK-trained Singaporean designer Ashley Isham was back in his native soil to grace the 10-day Singapore Fashion Festival

PAPARAZZI-BAIT. From Fall/Winter 2005

Text and photos by Cheche V. Moral

"NO matter the color of my skin, I'm just a designer," said Ashley Isham, 27, who was back last week in his native country, Singapore, to present his collection at the 10-day Singapore Fashion Festival.

The UK-based-and-trained designer, who launched his own label in 2000, began making waves in London fashion when he first presented his ready-to-wear collections at the London Fashion Week in 2001. Entertainment celebrities like Kylie Minogue, Miranda Richardson, Dido and model Jodie Kidd started wearing his clothes.

"I'm proud of my culture and heritage, but I'm just a designer, not an 'Asian' designer," said Isham, who visits Singapore twice a year.

For the first time, Isham's clothes are made available in Singapore through the high-end boutique The Link at the Mandarin Gallery on Orchard Road, which also carries the collections of Roberto Cavalli, Chloe, Catherine Malandrino, Alberta Ferretti, among others.

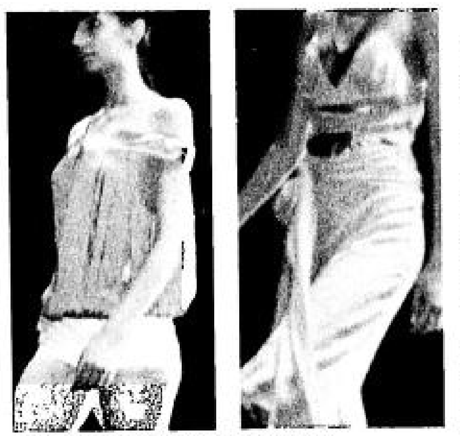
Sensuous, edgy

Isham said it took him some time to find his "block." He knew what he liked to do, he explained, but "you don't learn until much later what kind of women buys your clothes."

At last year's Bafta, the United Kingdom's equivalent of the Oscars, Isham was named official womenswear designer.

"I dress up the modern woman who doesn't look at labels," Isham said. "She doesn't just buy off the runway. [Doing that] shows no personality. That is so over."

"And [my kind of client] always wears good shoes," he adds with a chuckle. "My aim is to make women comfortable in my clothes."



BEACHSIDE GODDESSES. From Spring/Summer '05

He described his designs as "sensuous, feminine with an edge, not just pretty-pretty." Isham is best recognized for his lavishly draped dresses, and his trademark fabric, the jersey.

"You can't copy a drape because you allow the fabric to fall," he said. "Jersey is like water; it falls. It is very giving. You allow it to have life."

Isham said he supported himself through design school by working as a personal stylist. When he launched his label in 2000, he only had one cutter and one sewer. Two years later, he opened his own boutique, aQuaint, at London's Covent Garden where Lanvin and Roland Mouret are carried alongside his own designs.

Early this year, he opened his London flagship boutique, Ashley's, which also carries international designer labels next to his own. He has stockists in Paris, Milan, Los Angeles, Japan, Abu Dhabi, Riyadh, Kuwait. He didn't have a business manager until recently.

His ready-to-wear pieces retail from £300, couture from £7,000 to a high of £20,000.

Isham admitted he turned down offers to become an in-house designer of two fashion houses. His present setup suited him, he said.

Big break

Born to a middle-class family in Singapore, Isham got his big break when, in 1996, he attempted to enroll at Britain's Central Saint Martins. He was then studying pattern-cutting at the London College of Fashion.

Classes had already started for that term, so Isham was told to come back the following year. Before leaving, however, he offered to show his look book to the person in charge of admissions. Impressed with Isham's work, the admissions guy sent the young man to his first class right there and then.

He finished Central Saint Martins' Fashion Folio program and Foundation Studies in Art and Design, before going on to earn a B.A. in Women's Wear at Middlesex University. At Middlesex, he was one of only 20 students—out of 7,000 applicants—accepted for that term.

Isham said he values his formal studies for teaching him the rigors of the craft—from research to drafting a pattern properly, from cutting and draping to design development. "There are many designers who make very good drawings but have very poor execution," he said.

He admires the works of Alexander McQueen, John Galliano, Alber Elbaz, Balenciaga designer Nicholas Ghesquiere who is his friend, and Asian designers Hiroko Koshino and Rizalman Ibrahim.

Though it may seem like he had it easy, Isham said he had his share of pitfalls along the way. In fact, he was turned down twice by the British Fashion Council to show at the London Fashion Week.

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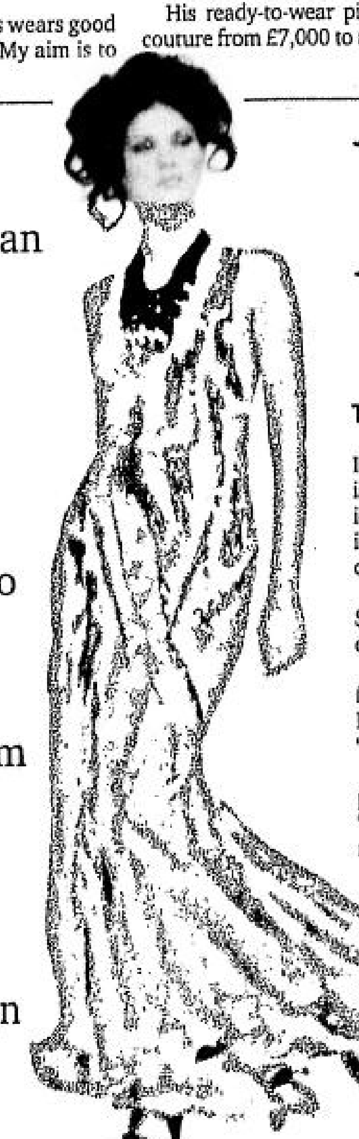
SUNNY Ang by Sunny Ang

DESMOND Yang of Abyzz's dress that can be worn 30 ways.

Four Singaporean designers have banded together to create a consortium of local labels for the foreign market



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Hybrid

Singapore chic

Text and photos by Cheche V. Moral

IN A PROSPEROUS country like Singapore, it is easy to assume all's well with its local fashion labels. That is not exactly the case, according to some Singaporean designers at the recent Singapore Fashion Festival.

"We're doing okay, but not fantastic," says Sunny Ang, designer and managing director of his eponymous label.

Affluent Singaporeans gravitate toward foreign labels "for the prestige," adds Adrian Huang, and much everyone else likes to buy "cheap." Huang designs a label called Mizu.

Fashion is not a primary industry in Singapore. Huang likes to describe their trade as a "cottage industry" in comparison to mass-market chain imports like Zara, Mango and Topshop, all key players in Singapore retail.

"Unlike, say, Zara," Huang says, "my label produces only up to three dozens of each design." And big retail chains get to knock off designer labels. "How can we compete with their prices?"

Aiming to penetrate the overseas market and strengthen the local fashion trade, Huang and Ang has joined forces with two other local designers to create Hybrid-O, a consortium of all-Singaporean ready-to-wear labels. Joining them are Desmond Yang of Abyzz, and Angelynn Tan and Peter Fang of Logo.

"Foreign labels are so strong here that local designers have to help each other," Yang, 31, says. "You can't do it on your own."

Government support

The four brands pulled their resources together for Hybrid-O. Doing this, adds Yang, will help them continue making designer pieces at lower prices. His own label retails from S$49 to S$450.

The Hybrid-O labels—a mixture of daywear, clubwear, cocktail and eveningwear—are sold at The Blueprint concept shop in The Heeren on Orchard Road.

Like the Philippines, Singapore doesn't have a textile industry, so local designers have to import their fabrics from countries like Italy and Japan. "Unlike in the Philippines, where you have the pineapple fabric," notes Yang, "we have to import everything."

But unlike the Philippines, too, Singapore designers get a lot of help from their government. In fact, the Hybrid-O designers were commissioned by the Singapore Tourism Board to showcase their creations at the Singapore Fashion Festival. This enabled them to

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Fountain of youth

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imaginative pieces that they're bound (if they haven't already) to give not a few senior colleagues a run for their money.

They didn't play safe by resorting to formula. Nor did they camouflage a dire lack of creativity by hiding behind theatrics and over-the-top styling. Unearthed caftans, toy helicopters with rotating blades as headdresses and other jaw-dropping oddities simply had no place on the ramp that night.

Surprisingly, however, what was billed as a "Young Avant-garde Collection" sponsored by Wella (the first part was a hair show) was anything but, as not a few designers came up with wearable pieces. If they drew inspiration from European and Japanese masters (who doesn't?), a few succeeded in achieving their vision through proper execution.

As usual, Aseron didn't disappoint. His camel ensemble consisting of a pantsuit, swimming trunks and several loose separates with either asymmetric or plunging necklines was inspired reportedly by undulating sand dunes. The collection was what one armchair critic dubbed as Balenciaga meets Sophia Kokosalaki.

For a change, Aseron veered from his trademark crisp materials in favor of draped jersey. Despite taking a new direction, he didn't totally abandon his expertise in tailoring by endowing some of his dresses with a number of interesting details in the form of flaps, folds and shearings strategically placed on sleeves, shoulders and bodices (even on a male model's crotch!).

In contrast, Samson stuck to where he's good at, presenting a series of tailored denim, canvas and cotton separates that bring to mind sailor outfits and band jackets. A pair of jeans, for instance, consisted of several reversed panels that bolstered the designer's attention to construction.

Samson embellished the jeans with strips of red grosgrain that line its fly, which in turn was held together by a series of hooks and eyes. He used the same elements in a number of jackets and tunics. Other noteworthy pieces included boleros with huge buttons and corded loops and fitted pants either jazzed up with cutouts or fashioned from strips of contrasting fabrics.

Finis to unfinished

If we're to go by the general look that night, it seems the era of the unfinished look is finally coming to an end (thank goodness!).

Reyes, one of the look's chief exponents, junked misplaced strips, buttons, zippers and what have you in favor of tailored cotton shirts and skirts with a number of twists. His Atsuro Tayama-esque collection consisted of parachute-like skirts and long-sleeved men's shirts with capelets and extra pairs of sleeves tied around the waist.

For his skirts, the designer reportedly drew inspiration from fitted bed sheets that he rotated to give it angles and corners. He further provided each piece with a waist and gartered hem. Since the irregular pieces were striking in themselves, he wisely eschewed bold colors in favor of powder blue and muted earth tones that he combined together.

Quisumbing-Romulo also went for various skin tones in beige and brown. What her pieces lacked in terms of color, she made up for in texture by fusing together various materials ranging from knits, stretch twill and crushed leather and *piña*. She also threw eye-catching, coconut-shaped leather bags into the mix.

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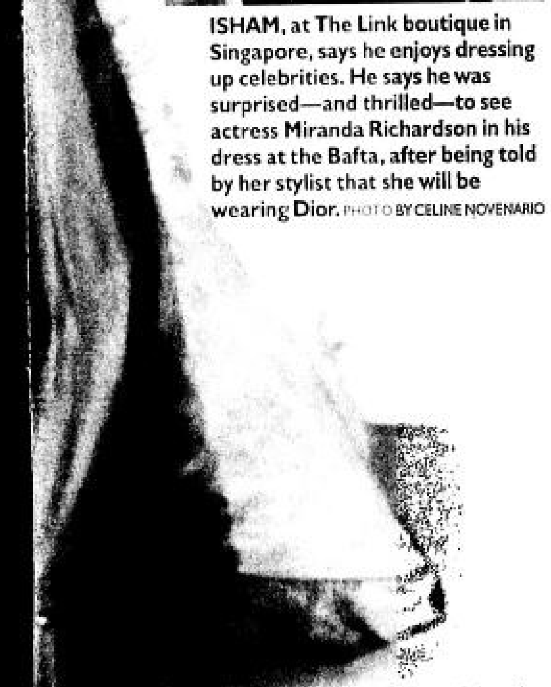
HOLLYWOOD glamour for Fall/Winter '05

ISHAM, at The Link boutique in Singapore, says he enjoys dressing up celebrities. He says he was surprised—and thrilled—to see actress Miranda Richardson in his dress at the Bafta, after being told by her stylist that she will be wearing Dior. PHOTO BY CELINE NOVENARIO



OPULENT hues from Isham's Fall/Winter '05 collection

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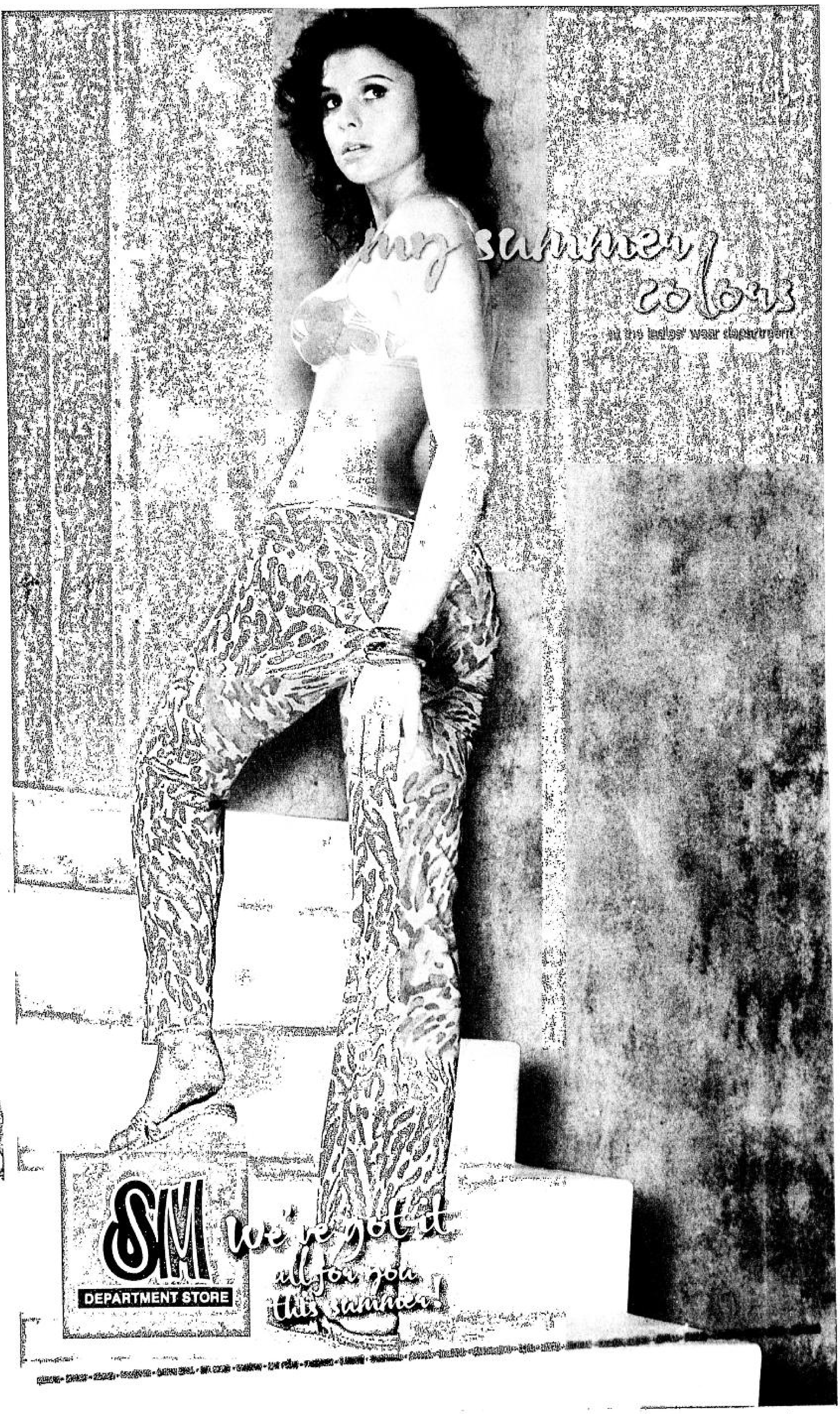
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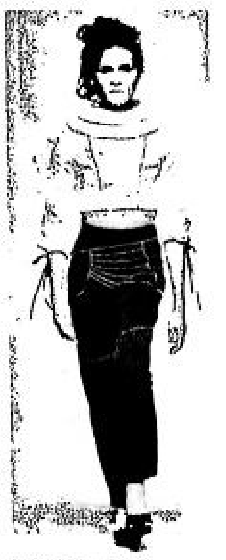

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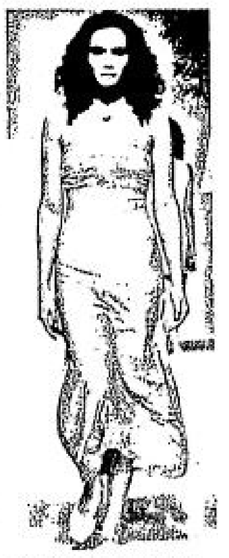

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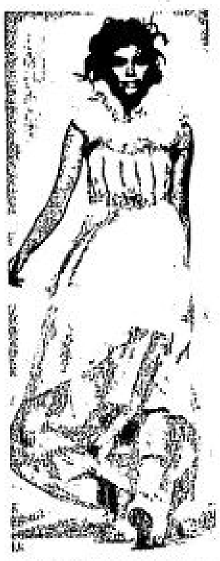

DONG Omaga-Diaz

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REYES

Fountain of youth

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The designer provided otherwise matte tops with sprinkles of beadwork. She also gave her leather dresses a crocodile-like quality by painstakingly crushing and stripping certain sections of the material.

On the other end of the color spectrum, Avel Bacudio chose iridescent violet and hot pink duchess satin to come up with interesting corsets, beaded and loose pants (there must be straight guys out there bold enough to don such colors and silhouettes). He also paired off a number of fitted and beaded blouses with bra tops and tattered jeans or shorts made of lace.

Mel Vergel de Dios, who went for black and white, also had his share of inspired moments in the form of tailored and structured pieces that betrayed hints of influences from Gianfranco Ferre, Roberto Cavalli and Gucci. He resorted to quite a bit of cording, paneling and piping to jazz up otherwise staid colors.

Vergel de Dios' collection, which borrowed heavily from the 1950s and 1980s, however, could have benefited from some judicious editing, as it tended to be a bit repetitive and at times too exaggerated for comfort.

Nevertheless, his collection was by far better than Dong Omaga-Diaz's overdone cake-topper ensemble (accented with flowerets and strips of grosgrain in tacky fuchsia and aqua at that!) or Mitzi Quilendrino's yawn-inducing dresses that were as flat as the ballet shoes her models wore.

Despite such setbacks, however, these designers have one thing their senior, more jaded colleagues don't have. They still have youth on their side.

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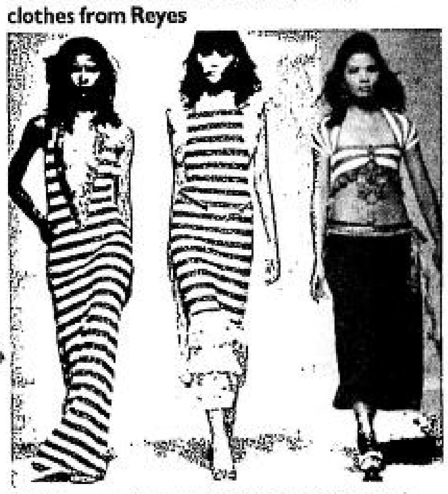
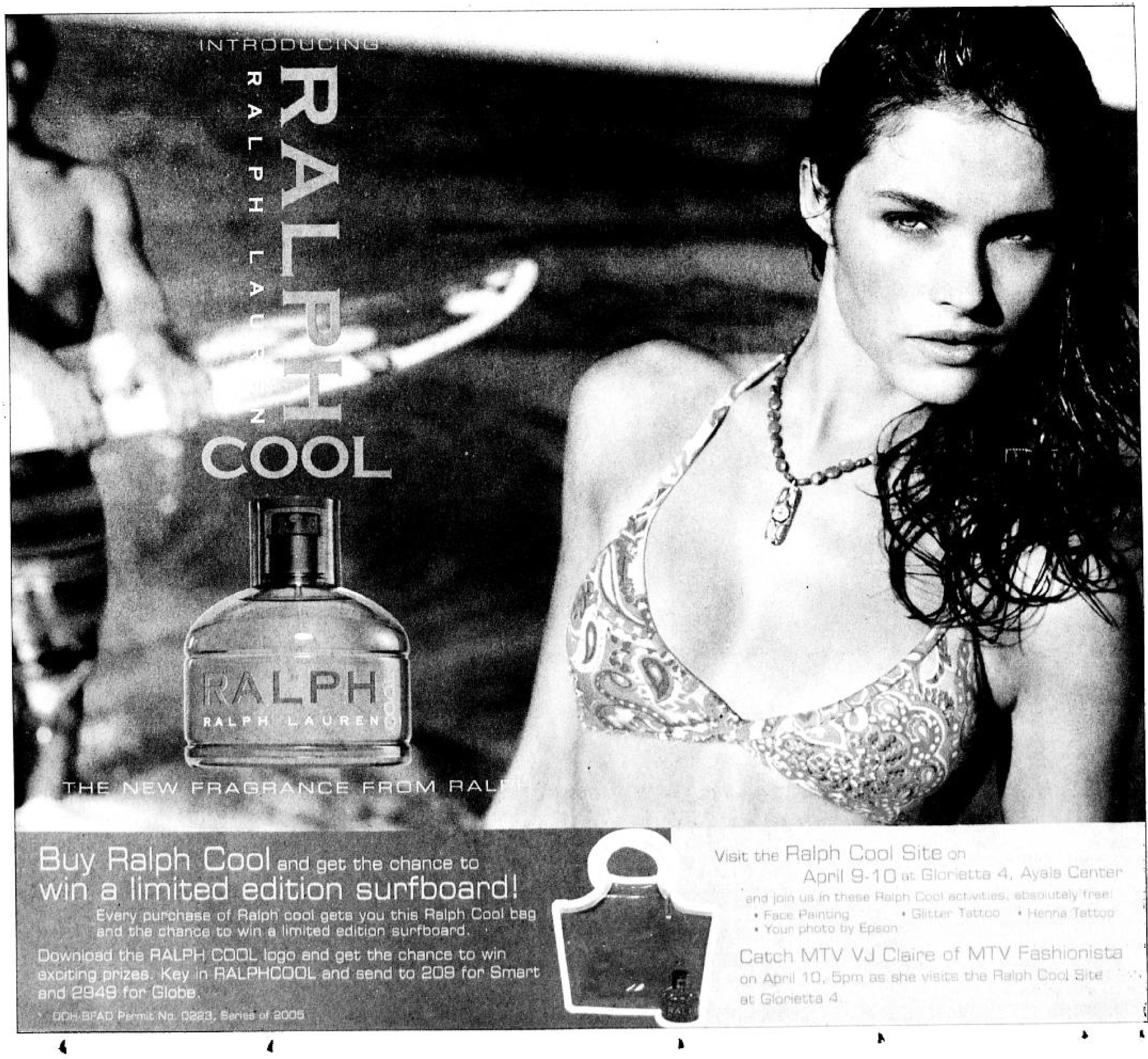
AVEL Bacudio goes violet and fuchsia.

YOUNG, muted and thankfully complete clothes from Reyes



TOO many elements in supposedly casual dresses by Mata



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Spring's many colors

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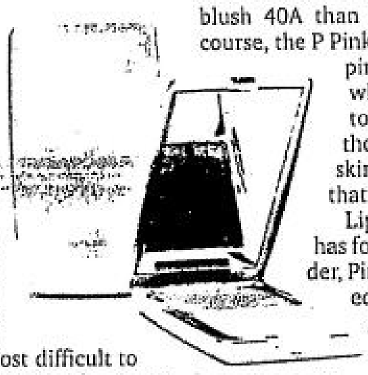
Kinny Salas

THE VARIOUS Spring 2005 collections by makeup brands have colors that are not so dramatic, but very pretty and can still be worn during the day on colder months. I must say they are the coolest! Before we go to color though, we must work on the canvas, a.k.a. foundation.

Foundation: Since Lancome's Diagnos machine has shown an alarming result with my hyperpigmentation just about ready to blow the surface, I have been obsessed with whitening foundations. My two favorites are Clarins White Plus, which has the texture of creamy light mousse and is very easy to apply and blend with fingers, and Shu Uemura UV perfect SPF 25 PA++, which has a high-coverage, water-resistant natural matte finish that looks sheer but perfect. For those on a budget, check out L'Oreal UV Perfect SPF 50 for a sheer liquid finish for normal to dry skin, and Neutrogena Fine Fairness Powder foundation SPF 20 for normal to oily skin. I have tried all and have noticed a significant brightening on my face and neck.

Having always been partial to Japanese makeup, I always wait in anticipation for the Shu Uemura and Shiseido collection. This year they both impress with products that are so user-friendly one doesn't need to be an artist to look like a glam girl. Eye makeup is the most difficult to apply, but not with Shiseido's Hydro-Power eye shadow that feels like cool liquid but dries to a smooth powder and can easily be applied with fingers and blended in.



NEUTROGENA
Fine Fairness powder

Eye shades

Eye pencils: Shiseido's Eyeliner Pencil Duo's come in three shades, all double-sided, which can be used alone to enhance the effects of Hydro Power shadow. I got all three shades—D1 Moonscape (black with pearly shimmer/white pearl) is most dramatic; D2 Desert Dusk (rich brown with golden pearl shimmer/ shimmery beige) is the most basic; and D3 Electric Iris deep purple/delicate green) is the most exciting. Shu Uemura's Reveries Collection has the double-sided light eye pencil, which strangely opens up the eye area with the matte side and highlights the brow bone with the shimmery end. Draw straight on eyes and rub with sponge or fingers for drama. Its four powder eye-shadows stay on all day without smudging, but the IR Green 512 does wonders for tired girls when applied under the eyes with the right Shu e/s brush. There is a light-green tinge in person but the photos look striking and fresh. The safest colors are Yellow 327 and Beige 808, while Blue 845 makes a great liner that makes the whites of your eyes whiter. I can use all three Shu blushers, but a lot of Filipinas look more naturally flushed in Peach blush 40A than the usual bright pink. Of course, the P Pink 33D is neutral toned beige pink and their best seller which flatters most skin tones. P Pink 30A works for those with light to medium skin looks and will give one that blushing little-girl look.

Lipsticks: SU Lolishine rouge has four new shades in the Lavender, Pink and Peach colors. I decided to skip them because I had fallen in love with gloss so I just picked both Sweet Lipglosses in Pink Lemonade and Orange Sherbet. They suit everyone because they don't really have loud colors, but give a slick finish, great flavor and sexy lips. Shiseido's lip glosses in three new shades Mango Passion, Red Coral and Pretty pink are all flattering, but I couldn't resist the lipstick in P19 Nuance Rose. I decided to skip P18 Salmon Rose and P17 Brown Red.

Beware: Items listed above are hard to resist and can break the bank, so if you already have a similar shade in another brand, skip them and get a trademark color instead which you are sure to keep wearing. Not adventurous? Stick to basics in colors and bear in mind that glosses are safest for you.

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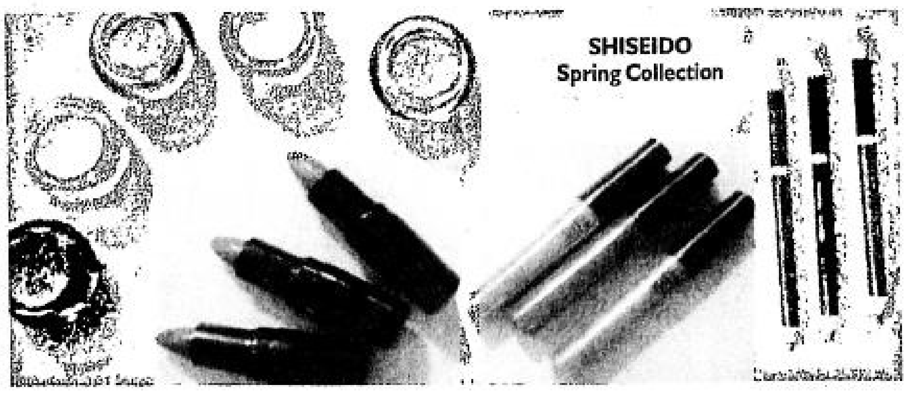
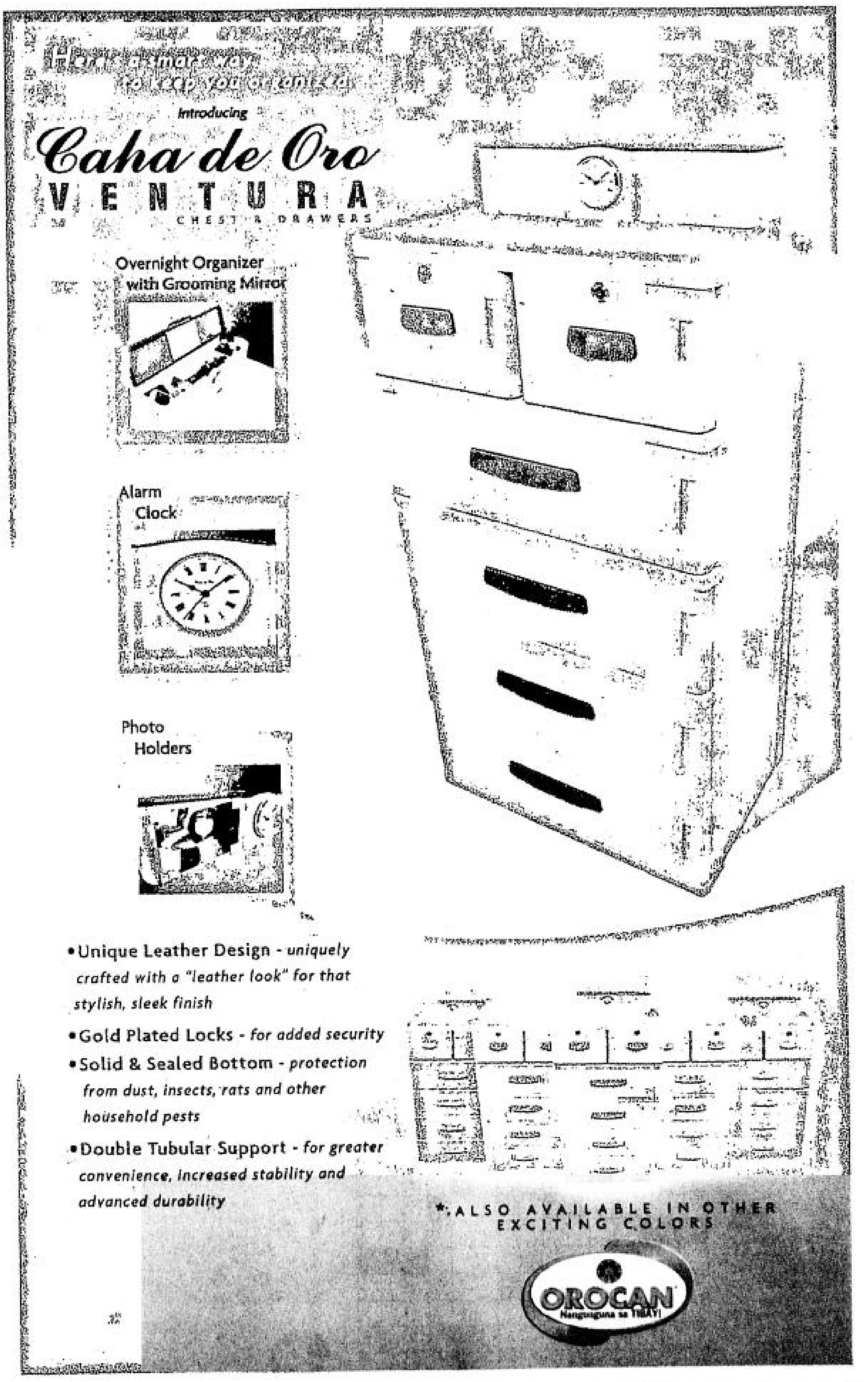


SHISEIDO
Spring Collection



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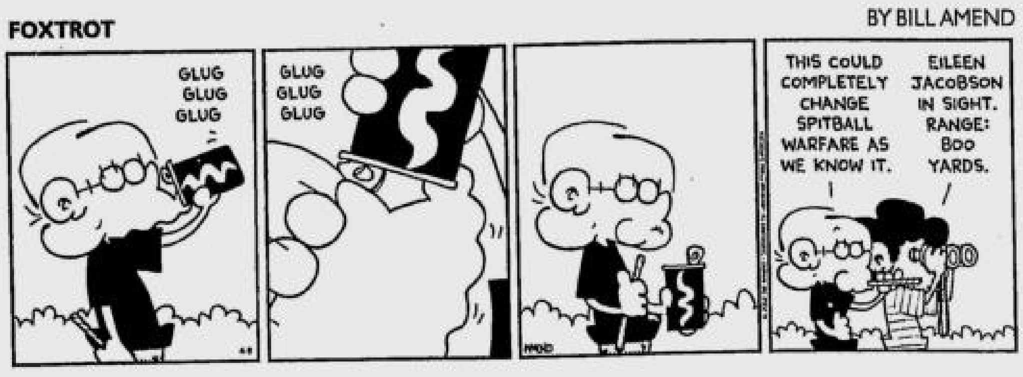
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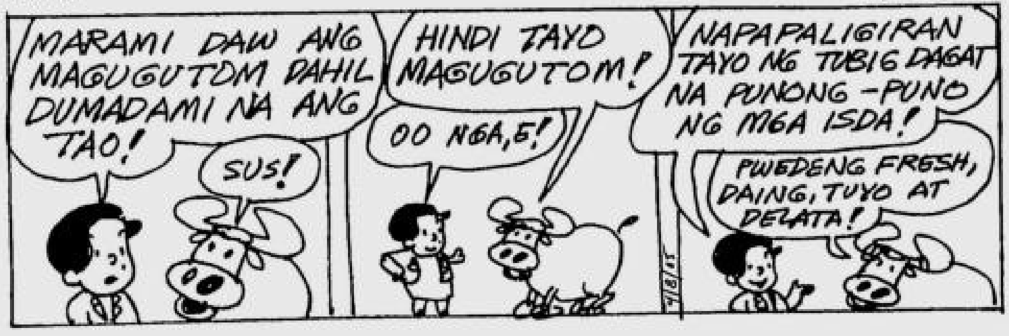
GLUG GLUG GLUG
THIS COULD COMPLETELY CHANGE SPITBALL WARFARE AS WE KNOW IT.
EILEEN JACOBSON IN SIGHT. RANGE: BOO YARDS.

A. LIPIN

BY JESS ABRERA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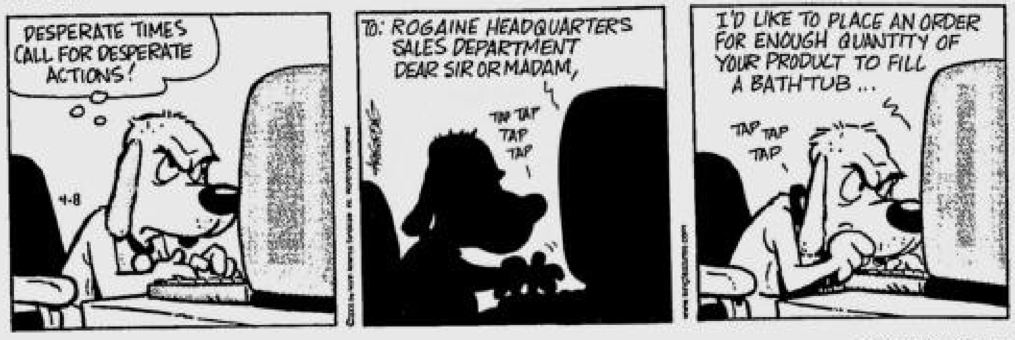
SUS!
HINDI TAYO MAGUGUTOM!
OO NGA, E!
NAPAPALIGIRAN TAYO NG TUBIG DAGAT NA PUNONG-PUNO NG MGA ISDA!
PWEDENG FRESH, DAING, TUYO AT DELATA!

MARVIN

BY TOM ARMSTRONG


DESPERATE TIMES CALL FOR DESPERATE ACTIONS!
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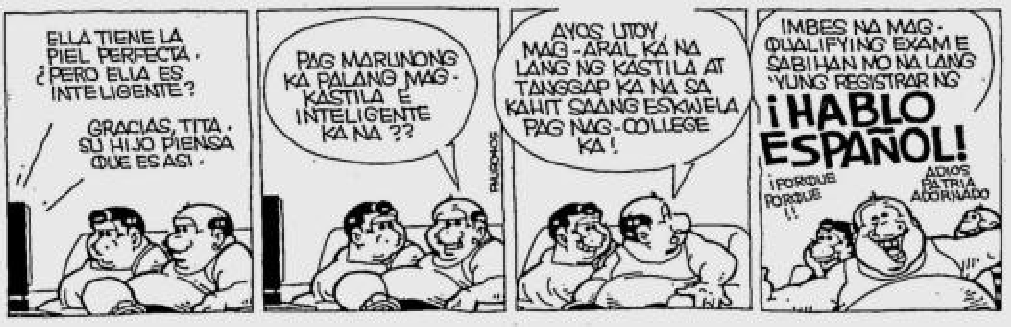
TO: ROGAINE HEADQUARTERS SALES DEPARTMENT DEAR SIR OR MADAM,
TAP TAP TAP TAP
I'D LIKE TO PLACE AN ORDER FOR ENOUGH QUANTITY OF YOUR PRODUCT TO FILL A BATH-TUB ...
TAP TAP TAP

PUGAD BABOY

BY P.M. JUNIOR


ELLA TIENE LA PIEL PERFECTA. ¿PERO ELLA ES INTELIGENTE?
GRACIAS, TITA. SU HIJO PIENSA QUE ES ASI.
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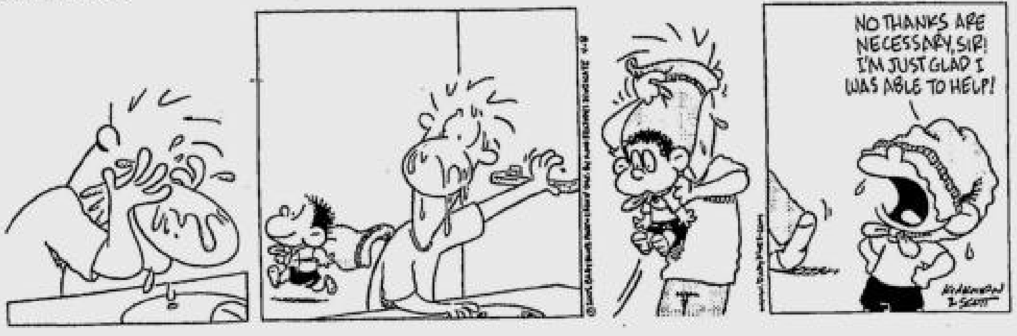
AYOS UTOY, MAG-ARAL KA NA LANG NG KASTILA AT TANGGAP KA NA SA KAHIT SAANG ESKWELA PAG NAG-COLLEGE KA!
IMBES NA MAG-QUALIFYING EXAM E SABIHAN MO NA LANG 'YUNG REGISTRAR NG
¡HABLO ESPAÑOL!
¡PORQUE PORQUE!!
ADIOS PATRIA ADORADO

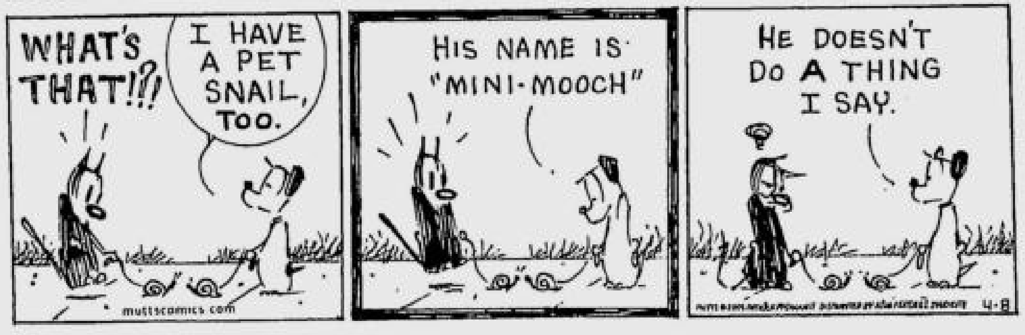
BABY BLUES

BY JERRY SCOTT


NO THANKS ARE NECESSARY, SIR! I'M JUST GLAD I WAS ABLE TO HELP!

MUTTS

BY PATRICK McDONNELL


WHAT'S THAT!?!
I HAVE A PET SNAIL, TOO.
HIS NAME IS "MINI-MOOCH"
HE DOESN'T DO A THING I SAY.
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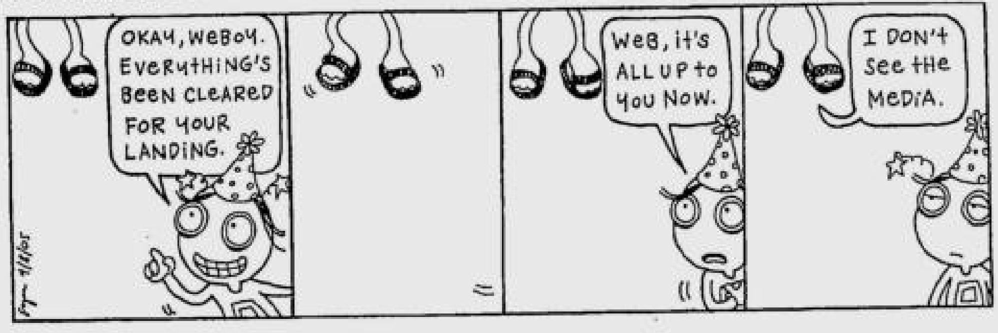
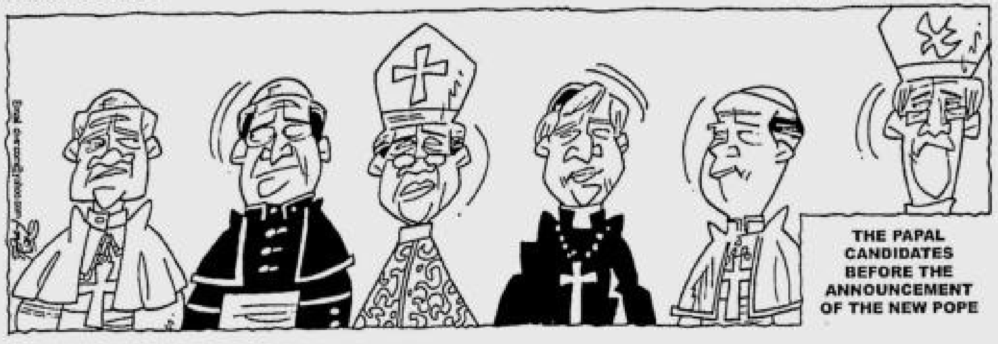
ATOMO AND WEBOY

BY LYRA GARCELLANO


OKAY, WEBOY. EVERYTHING'S BEEN CLEARED FOR YOUR LANDING.
WEB, it's ALL UP to you Now.
I DON'T SEE THE MEDIA.

DIVINE COMEDY

BY STEVEN PABALINAS


THE PAPAL CANDIDATES BEFORE THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE NEW POPE

HOROSCOPE

BY FRANCIS DRAKE

YOU BORN TODAY: You have strong morals and ethics. You believe in doing the right thing. You are generous and socially responsible. Your concern for the welfare of others is sincere. You are both bold and strong, yet shy. You will always speak out against injustice. The year ahead holds many new, fresh and exciting beginnings!

Birthdate of: Patricia Arquette, actress; Adam Brody, actor; Barbara Kingsolver, author.

ARIES (March 21 to April 19): Today's New Moon is in your sign. This is the best time all year to decide how to improve your partnerships and closest friendships. What can you do to make them better?

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20): It's important for you to get some solitude in order to promote a sense of peace of mind and tranquility. You need this now.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20): Each New Moon offers us the opportunity to make a helpful resolution. Today you should think about friendship. If you want to have more friends, be friendly.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22): In the big picture, your social standing in the community and your reputation are important now. What can you do to improve your image?

LEO (July 23 to Aug. 22): Growth involves change. If you always embrace the same values you had as a child, are you growing or learning anything? Explore philosophies, religions and other cultures today.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22): What can you do to improve your handling of insurance matters, bills, taxes, debt and the like? You might also have to deal with wills and inheritances.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22): Today's New Moon is opposite your sign. This definitely offers you an excellent opportunity to look for ways to improve all your closest relationships.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21): One can always improve one's approach to work. (There's always a better mousetrap.) What can you do to improve your job and how you do it?

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21): Now is the time to think about your relationships with children. The best way to improve this area is to work on yourself. (That's because you are the role model for them.)

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19): Home, family and your overall security matter a lot to you. Today's New Moon is the perfect time to think about how to improve these areas. You'll feel better if you feel safe and secure about your domestic scene.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18): This is the day to ask yourself how well you communicate with others. Do you feel that people understand you? Examine your communicating style. How can you communicate better?

PISCES (Feb. 19 to March 20): Today's New Moon urges you to get on top of your financial scene. Figure out what you have, and what you owe. It's important for you to know exactly where you stand.

DAILY CROSSWORD

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1 Describe vividly
5 Anti-DUI org.
9 Flowed back
14 Kind of rug
15 Sheltered from the wind
16 Arledge of TV sports
17 Drifts
20 Ten-armed mollusks
21 Indochinese republic
22 Yale grad
23 Rhine tributary
25 Lunges toward
27 With 48A, drifts
31 __ League
32 Apart from this
33 Assorted by dimension
37 California wine valley
39 Knickknack spot
42 Petty rival Yarborough
43 Sleep noisily
45 Chimney sweepings
47 Collar
48 See 27A
52 Split
55 Mixed bag
56 Helping hand
57 Repast remnants
59 Takeoffs
63 Drifts
66 Up and at 'em
67 Italian bread
68 Napoleon's isle of exile
69 Waldorf or Caesar
70 Med. sch. subj.
71 Carpenter's file

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1 Hard and fast rules
2 Babylonia, today
3 Diner's card
4 Low points
5 Old West lawmen
6 Gore and D'Amato
7 Pass out cards
8 Break off
9 Renaissance religious reformer
10 Half a candy?
11 Portends
12 First name of a plane
13 Relinquish
18 Construe
19 Plant anchor
24 Hurry it up
26 Larger-than-life
27 Tonic mixers
28 Bayh or Hunter
29 Proof goof
30 Formation flyers
34 Western author Grey
35 Spirited self-assurance
36 Red ink
38 Dry as the desert
40 Batty
41 Shaq's one-pointer
44 Funded
46 Mumbo jumbo
49 Spelling or Amos
50 Chinese restaurant offering
51 Man with shingles?
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54 Just right
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60 Big pot of stew
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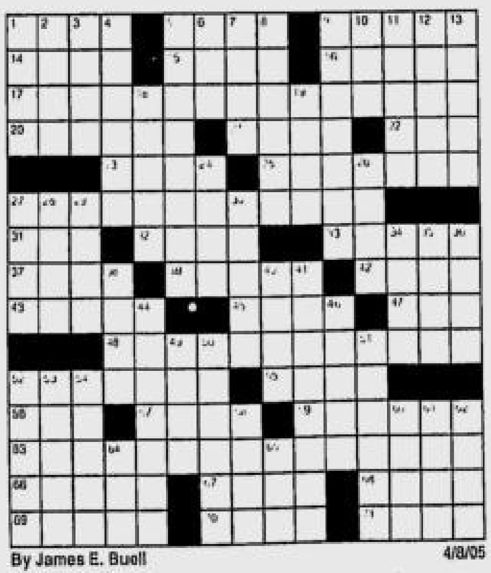

By James E. Buell
Edgewater, FL

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Thursday's Puzzle Solved

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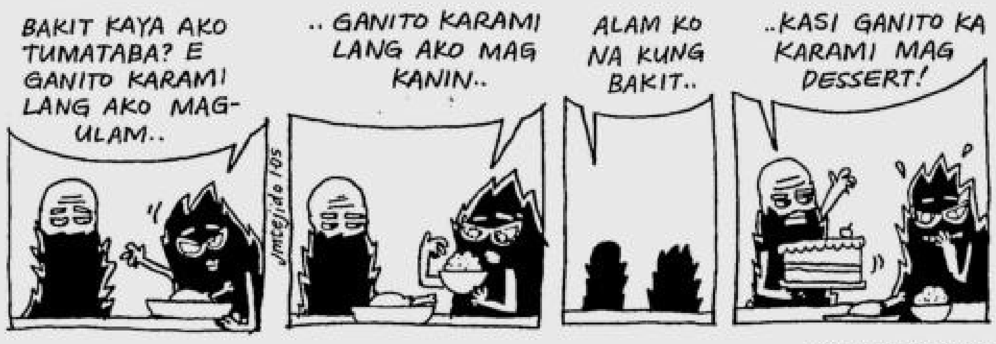
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.. GANITO KARAMI LANG AKO MAG KANIN..
ALAM KO NA KUNG BAKIT..
..KASI GANITO KA KARAMI MAG DESSERT!
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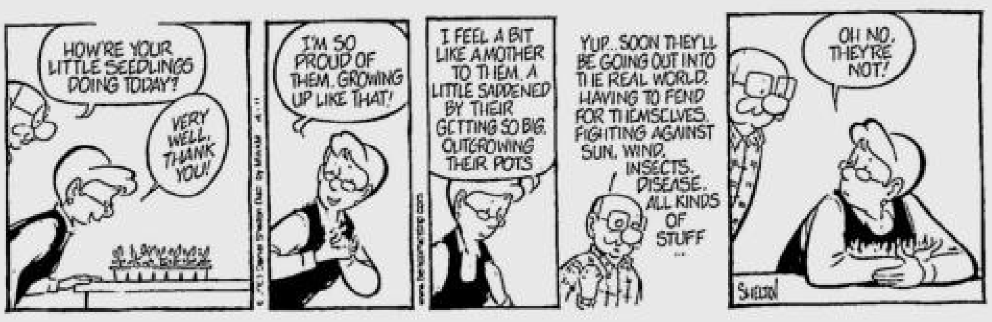
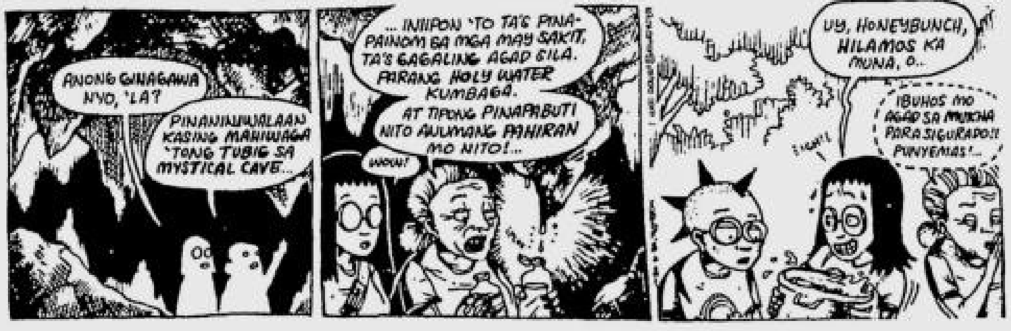
BEN

BY DANIEL SHELTON


HOW'RE YOUR LITTLE SEEDLINGS DOING TODAY?
VERY WELL, THANK YOU!
I'M SO PROUD OF THEM. GROWING UP LIKE THAT!
I FEEL A BIT LIKE A MOTHER TO THEM. A LITTLE SADDENED BY THEIR GETTING SO BIG. OUTGROWING THEIR POTS
YUP.. SOON THEY'LL BE GOING OUT INTO THE REAL WORLD. HAVING TO FEND FOR THEMSELVES. FIGHTING AGAINST SUN, WIND, INSECTS, DISEASE, ALL KINDS OF STUFF ...
OH NO, THEY'RE NOT!
SHELTON

KIKO MACHINE

BY MANIX ABRERA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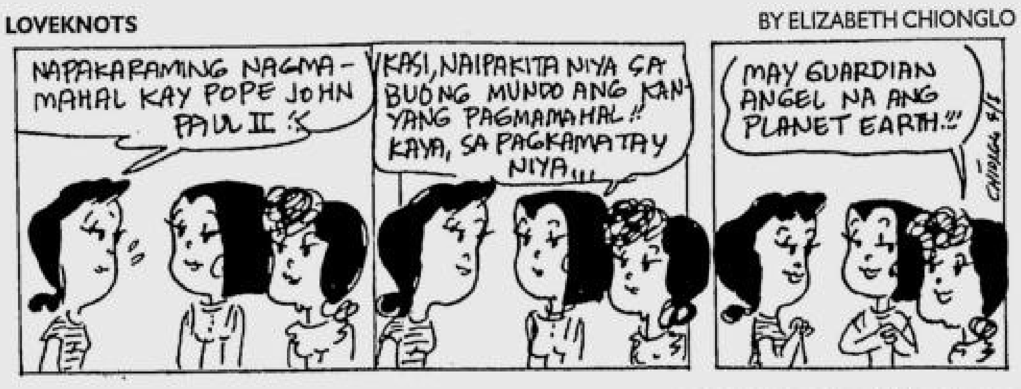
PINANINIWALAAN KASING MAHIWAGA 'TONG TUBIG SA MYSTICAL CAVE...
... INIIPON 'TO TA'S PINA-PAINOM SA MGA MAY SAKIT, TA'S GAGALING AGAD SILA. PARANG HOLY WATER KUMBAGA.
AT TIPONG PINAPABUTI NITO AUUMANG PANIRAN MO NITO!...
WOW!
UY, HONEYBUNCH, HILAMOS KA MUNA, O..
¡BUHOS MO AGAD SA MUKHA PARA SIGURADO!! PUNYEMAS!...

LOVEKNOTS

BY ELIZABETH CHIONGLO


NAPAKARAMING NAGMAMAHAL KAY POPE JOHN PAUL II :(
KASI, NAIPAKITA NIYA SA BUONG MUNDO ANG KANYANG PAGMAMAHAL!! KAYA, SA PAGKAMATAY NIYA,,,
MAY GUARDIAN ANGEL NA ANG PLANET EARTH!!!
CHIONGLO 4/5

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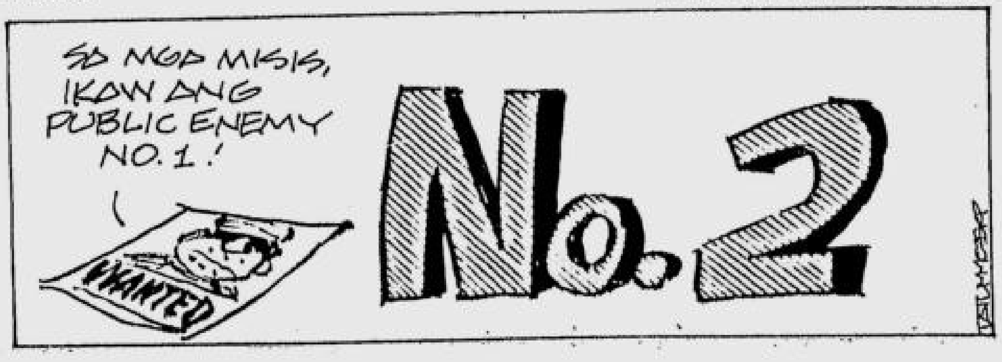
BY PAPU AND TATUM MILAMBILING


SA MGA MISIS, IKAW ANG PUBLIC ENEMY NO. 1!
WANTED
No. 2

Hair contest nears hair-raising finals

IN THE ONE ON THE TOP!
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2005

PHILIPPINE Hairdressing Awards 2005 Team of the Year finalists: (first row) Paolo Olandez, Nholie Vencio, Bong Aparente, Jess Fabro and Leodegario Rivera; (second row) Top Style marketing manager Annette Morales, Paul Maceda, Barbie Libunao, Mae Jago, Ruth Malto, Jojo Simbal, Lourd Ryan Ramos, Abbygale Arenas-de Leon and Jeoffrey Moran; (third row) Schwarzkopf sales manager Jem Cortez and Top Style president lawyer Cora del Rosario, Pepoy Tansico Jr., Rene Tolentino, Jessie Andarayan and Roy Flores

SCHWARZKOPF Professional recently announced the list of finalists in the Philippine Hairdressing Awards (PHA) 2005 at the Shangri-La Edsa Plaza Hotel.

PHA is a prestigious hairdressing contest that recognizes Filipino hairstyling excellence.

Top Style Marketing president Cora del Rosario presented the finalists.

A total of 85 entries vied for top honors in five categories. The finalists were:

For team of the year: Emphasis Salon-Peninsula (Jess Fabro, Mae Jago, Ruth Del Rio Malto and Jojo Simbol); Emphasis Salon-Rockwell (Abbygale Arenas, Jeoffrey Moran, Lourd Ryan Ramos and Leodegario Rivera); Fix Bench Salon-Glorietta 4 and The Loop (Roy Flores, Paulo Olandez and Paul Maceda); Huelgas Hairdressing-Annapolis (Jessie Andarayan, Rene Huelgas and Rene Tolentino), Profiles Salon-Katipunan (Bong Aparente, Barbie Libunao and Nholie Vencio) and Stretch Center-Iloilo (Oca Alcolea, Glenda Dolosa, Dondy Sarabia and Pepoy Tansinco Jr.).

Newcomer of the year: Angelo Bugarin (Reyes Haircutters–Anonas, Cubao); Rey Dolorzo (Profiles-Katipunan); Anthony Robidillo (David's Salon-SM Sucat); and Romeo Samellano (Emphasis Salon-Peninsula).

Commercial: Bong Aparente (Profiles-Katipunan); Barbie Libunao (Profiles-Katipunan); Paolo Olandez (Fix Bench Salon-Glorietta); Lourd Ryan Ramos (Emphasis Salon-Rockwell); and Pepoy Tansico Jr. (Stretch Center—Iloilo).

Men's: Cris Anagap (Cris A. Salon-Malabon); Bong Aparente (Profiles-Katipunan); Cris Estalilla (Privé II Salon-West Avenue); Leodegario Rivera (Emphasis Salon-Rockwell); Pepoy Tansico Jr. (Stretch Center-Iloilo) and Nholie Vencio (Profiles-Katipunan).

Avant garde: Gio Ledesma (David's Salon-SM Megamall); Paul Maceda (Fix Bench Salon-Glorietta); Jeoffrey Moran (Emphasis Salon-Rockwell); Paolo Olandez (Fix Bench Salon-Glorietta); and Abby Sanderson (Vivere Salon).

Judges included Hair Asia president Evelyn Cruz, fashion designer Jojie Lloren, fashion photographer Xander Angeles, renowned hairstylist Vicky Sumbillo and PHA 2003 Hairdresser of the Year winner Nikki Bacay.

From the roster of finalists, the plum PHA honor, the Philippine Hairdresser of the Year, will be chosen. The winners will be revealed during the glittery PHA ceremony on April 26, 7 p.m. at the Edsa Shangri-La Hotel. Special guests from Schwarzkopf Professional in Germany will be in Manila to attend the affair.

The winners in all five categories will compete in the Asia Hairdressing Awards (AHA) in Taiwan in October. The Asia Hairdresser of the Year will be Schwarzkopf Professional's special guest during the forthcoming British Hairdressing Awards ceremony in London.

Exclusively distributed in the Philippines by Top Style Marketing, Schwarzkopf Professional is one of the leading suppliers in the hairdressing business. It is part of the cosmetics/toiletries business unit of the Henkel Group, Dusseldorf. Schwarzkopf Professional is present in over 80 countries.

Looking your best when feeling less perfect

FRENCH painter turned makeup artist Laura Mercier, renowned for the magic she works on women's faces, has created the Secret Concealer makeup line to help hide little imperfections so every woman can look her best, even when she's not feeling so perfect.

Mercier's trademark is the "flawless face." She has the ability to bring out a person's natural beauty with only a few brushstrokes.

Secret Concealer, a moisture-rich emollient designed to hide dark circles and discolorations under the eye, is one of the best-kept secrets of makeup artists around the world. It is enriched with Vitamin A and E to help prevent moisture loss and to condition dry skin.

The concealer not only covers dark circles. It also reduces the appearance of fine lines and wrinkles on the most sensitive area of the face. A special ingredient—Soft Focus—also gives skin a nice, natural glow. The highly pigmented formula allows for maximum coverage in concentrated amounts.

Using Laura Mercier's Secret Camouflage brush or the fingertips, gently brush or pat on Secret Concealer under the corners of the eye. Blend using feather-light strokes. Set with loose powder.

Secret Concealer is available in three shades: light, medium and dark.

Laura Mercier is available exclusively at Essenses.

LAURA Mercier Secret Concealer

Japanese solution to skin-aging woes

Kanebo, the Japanese cosmetics brand, introduces Sensai EX La Crème, a rich cream that protects the skin from the aging process, reducing fine wrinkles, loose skin, dry skin, roughness, lack of elasticity and discoloration.

EX La Crème is formulated to strengthen the skin's natural ability to maintain its beauty and vigor. Using biotechnology, Kanebo combined Hyaluronate, a substance that lends proper tension and elasticity to the skin; chondroitin, RNA, serine, threonine and collagen. These are the principal ingredients of the Bio-Humectant Complex, a natural occurring ingredient used in the formulation.

The Bio-Humectant Complex, with its tremendous water capacity and superior penetrative powers, increases the bonding energy of cells and leaves skin with a smooth delicate texture.

EX La Crème also has such natural ingredients as Apricot Essence B15, a rare natural compound extracted from apricot seed that helps promote metabolism, remoisturizes and fills out thin, wrinkled skin.

Tocopheryl Nicotinate, which occurs naturally in unpolished rice, can promote capillary circulation and prevent the oxidation of sebum by activating cells on the surface of the skin. Silk Fibroin derivative, a protein extracted from silk, is capable of holding 3,000 times its weight in water which makes it a highly effective moisturizer.

Kanzou (A-Glycyrrhizate) is a rare traditional herb that has been used in China for some 4,000 years. It contains glycyrrhizine that alleviates damage and inflammation caused by ultraviolet rays, cold and dryness; Plastein PM, which has both hydrophilic and lipophilic properties that give EX La Crème rich moisturizing qualities; and Ylang-Ylang/Bergamot Oil, which gives EX La Crème a pleasant smell without causing allergy.

Sensai EX La Crème by Kanebo is suitable for maturing skin. The use of EX La Crème for four weeks makes the skin surface clearer and smoother and improves skin elasticity.

Kanebo's Sensai EX La Crème, the anti-aging formula for a youthful skin, is available at Rustan's Makati, Ayala Center and Rustan's Tower in Shangri-La Plaza Mall.

KANEBO Sensai EX La Crème

ZODIAC ZONE

YOUR HOROSCOPE FOR APRIL 8, 2005, FRIDAY

♈ ARIES

(March 21 to April 19)
BE WARY OF MONEY MATTERS. YOUR JUDGMENT IS NOT ESPECIALLY SOUND RIGHT NOW AND YOU MIGHT MAKE A FINANCIAL BLUNDER WHICH YOU CANNOT UNDO OR MAKE-UP FOR.

MACKEL RAVAGO

♉ TAURUS

(April 20 to May 20)
FEEL LIKE HAVING AN ADVENTURE? WELL, PACK YOUR BAGS AND GO FOR IT! YOU'RE IN FOR A FABULOUS MONTH FILLED WITH TRAVELING, PLEASURE AND UNFORGETTABLE MOMENTS.

♊ GEMINI

(May 21 to June 20)
THERE'S A GREAT POSSIBILITY FOR ROMANCE TODAY. IMPROVE YOUR CHANCES BY BEING EXTRA CHARMING AND ATTENTIVE. LOVE MIGHT JUST BE AROUND THE CORNER– MEET IT HALFWAY.

BARTON VILLA

♋ CANCER

(June 21 to July 22)
AN OLD FAMILY SECRET COMES OUT IN THE OPEN. ITS EFFECT IS EITHER BOON OR BANE, DEPENDING ON YOUR INITIAL REACTION TO IT. DETERMINE YOUR ACTIONS QUICKLY BUT WISELY.

MILO SANSANO

♌ LEO

(July 23 to August 22)
SIMPLICITY IS THE KEY TO HAVING A SUCCESSFUL AND SATISFYING DAY. AVOID COMPLEXITIES. YOU'LL FIND IT REFRESHING AND SURPRISING THAT ALL YOU NEED TO DO IS GO BACK TO BASICS.

CYNTHIA LUCERO

♍ VIRGO

(August 23 to September 22)
WATCH OVER YOUR ACTIONS AS PEOPLE AROUND YOU WILL WANT TO GOSSIP ABOUT CERTAIN AFFILIATIONS YOU HAVE. KEEP A KEEN EYE TO FIND OUT WHO'S A FRIEND AND WHO'S JUST PRETENDING TO BE.

♎ LIBRA

(September 23 to October 22)
IT'S THE PERFECT DAY TO TOUCH BASES WITH LONG LOST FRIENDS. WRITE, CALL OR MEET WITH THEM IN PERSON. EVEN OLD FRIENDSHIPS NEED TO BE TENDED TO EVERY NOW AND THEN.

♏ SCORPIO

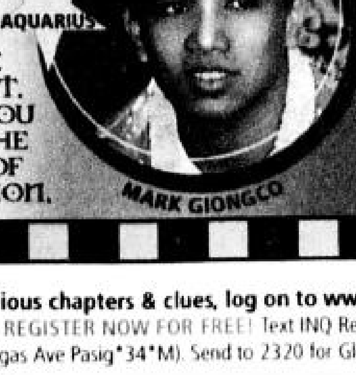
(October 23 to November 21)
A VALUED BUSINESS RELATIONSHIP MAY BREAK UP. HOWEVER, A NEW AND MORE LUCRATIVE ONE WILL TAKE ITS PLACE. BE SURE TO TAKE CARE OF IT, LEST IT SUFFERS THE SAME FATE.

♐ SAGITTARIUS

(November 22 to December 21)
YOUR FREEDOM-LOVING NATURE SHOULD BE IN CHECK WHEN MAKING IMPORTANT DECISIONS TODAY. PROCEED WITH CAUTION– DO NOT DO SOMETHING YOU MIGHT REGRET LATER.

♒ AQUARIUS

(January 20 to February 18)
SOMETHING YOU HAVE BEEN WAITING TO HAPPEN WILL FINALLY DO, BUT NOT IN THE WAY YOU'RE EXPECTING IT. IT'S UP TO YOU TO MAKE THE MOST OUT OF THE SITUATION.



MARK GIONGCO

♑ CAPRICORN

(December 22 to January 19)
BE CAREFUL NOT TO OVERWORK YOURSELF. THE OUTCOME OF CERTAIN UNDERTAKINGS WILL STILL BE THE SAME REGARDLESS OF WHETHER YOU GIVE YOUR 100 OR 110 PERCENT.

LIZA IMPERIAL

♓ PISCES

([illegible] March 20)
[illegible] ONDERFUL IDEAS ON HOW [illegible] VANCE IN YOUR WORKPLACE. [illegible] DREAM HIGH BUT KEEP [illegible] LY ON THE GROUND.

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Cool summer scent

GRAB something cool this summer with Ralph Lauren's new fragrance for her—Ralph Cool.

To catch a whiff of this new scent and win some free prizes to boot, come to Ayala Center's Glorietta 4 G/F April 9-10 and see for yourself what it takes to ride the Ralph Cool wave.

Like the ebb and flow of the ocean tides, Ralph Cool starts out strong with a fruity top note but dries down to a soft, warm finish.

Categorized as a lush, sexy floral; reminiscent of an exotic tropical fruit punch, its top notes are a mélange of kiwi, iced nectarine, watermelon and cucumber peel. The middle notes are a rich, floral blend of linden blossom, honeysuckle, jasmine and lily of the valley. Its base notes carry the smooth warmth of a creamy musk, sheer vetiver and sensual woods. It's like taking a quick fruit shake break in the heat of summer, whether basking in a resort or traipsing in the urban jungle. Its rare blend is an outrageous adventure anywhere you go.

Keep this cool scent in your bag, relax and take a bite of summer even on overcast days. You are sure to be transported to your favorite hot spot in just one spritz. Grab a bottle at Rustans, SM, Robinsons, Landmark, and other leading department stores nationwide.

What else is cool

California Nails and Day Spa—Nail Art
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Mountain Dew Code Red
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Breath mints
Flat screen TVs

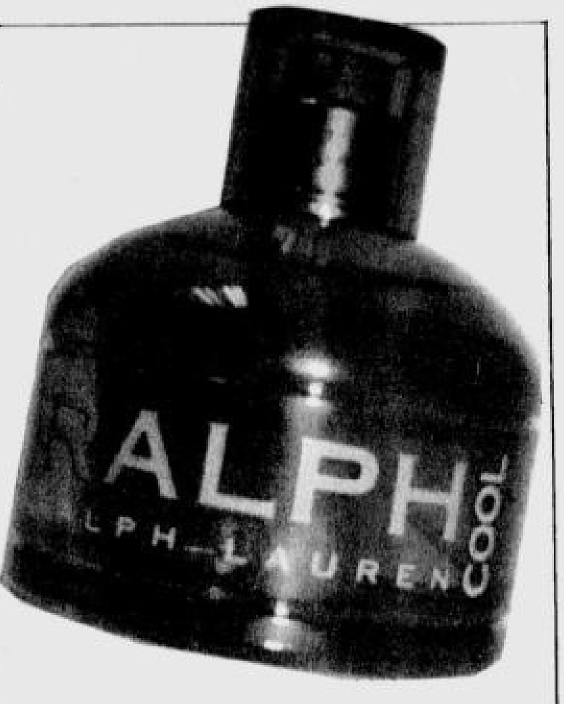
Cool packaging

The hot pink bottle with its blue cap mimics the neon swimsuits seen on beaches from Australia to Hawaii to the Jersey Shore. Lemony yellow, ocean blue and lime green block lettering on both the bottle and outer carton add to the juicy, tropical feel of this fun fragrance. 50 ml / 1.7 oz. EDT Spray. 100 ml / 3.4 EDT Spray.

Other cool stuff

Vitamin Enriched Moisturising Body Gel—200 ml / 6.7 oz.—A quick-absorbing gel that instantly hydrates dry skin. Its cool, refreshing formula makes it a must-have for hot summer nights. Lightly scented with the Ralph Cool fragrance.

Vitamin-Enriched Shower Gel—200 ml / 6.7 oz.—A gel cleanser that foams into a super-rich lather cleanses and moisturizes in one quick step. Contains TK to leave skin cleansed and baby soft. Lightly scented with the Ralph Cool fragrance.



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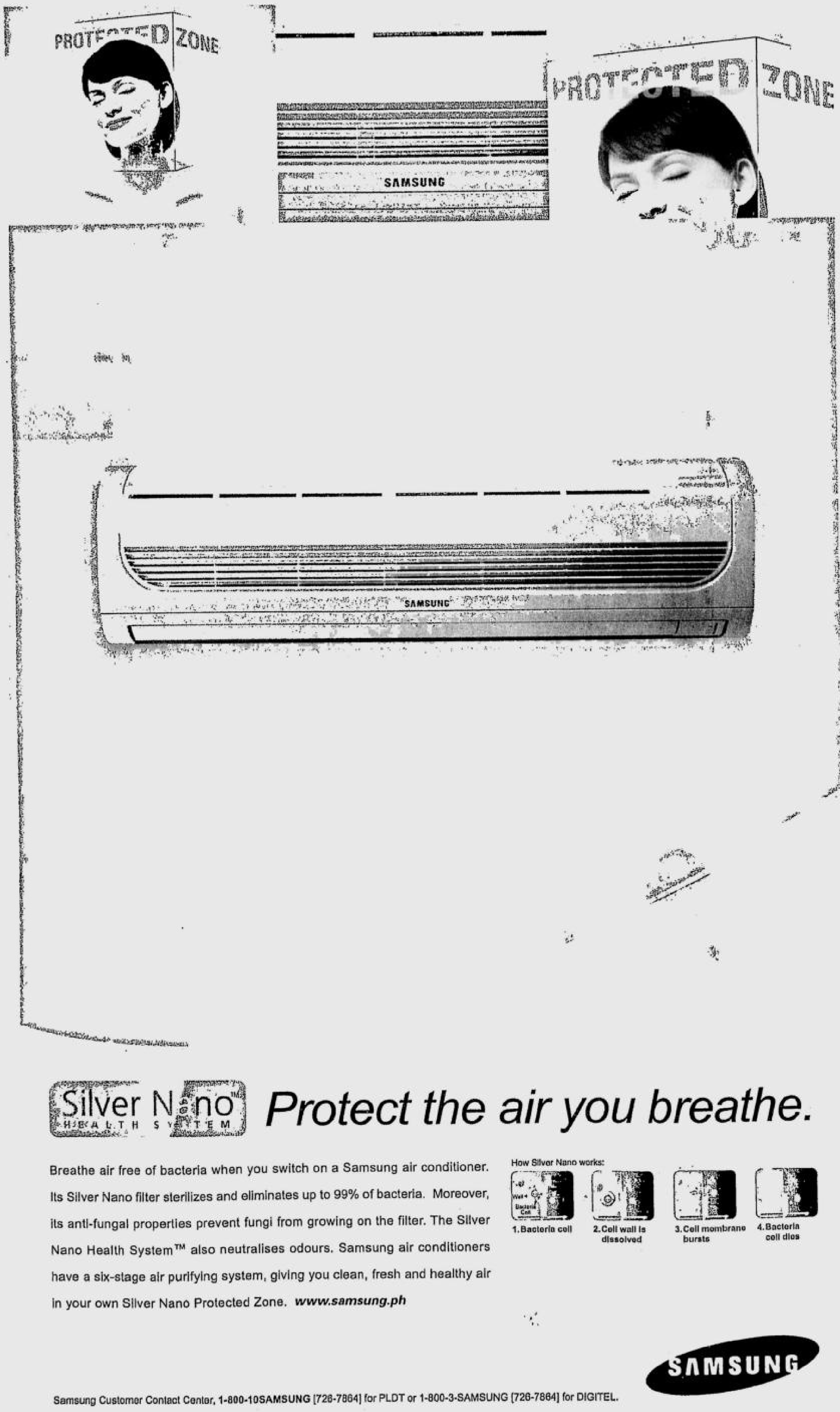

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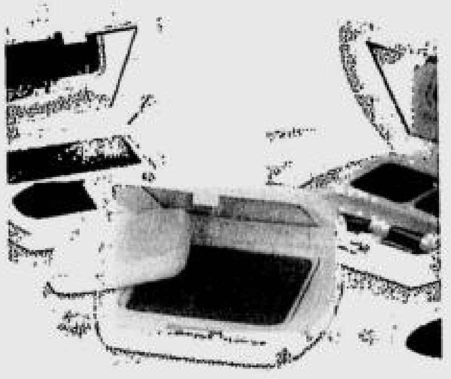

NU COLOUR from Nu Skin

Premium beauty picks

NU COLOUR, the premium makeup line of Nu Skin, offers a wide range of makeup for the eyes, lips and face.

There are two ways to cover your skin flaws—with Nu Colour Skin Beneficial Concealer and Nu Colour Skin Beneficial Tinted Moisturizer. Both are light on the skin and offer smooth, long-lasting finish.

The concealer is also enriched with beneficial vitamins and botanicals while the tinted moisturizer delivers skin-beneficial vitamins A and E, oil-free moisture, and SPF 15 to help prevent environmental damage.

You can complement these with Nu Colour's Custom Colour MoisturShade Wet/Dry Pressed Powder, which acts as a silky finishing powder by day and a beautiful matte foundation by evening.

To create a subtle glow on your cheeks, use Nu Colour's Subtle Effects Blush. It has blended micropowders which create a silky texture that lets you define your cheekbones. To "seal" in your skin's look, brush on Nu Colour's Finishing Powder.

If you want to enhance your eyes, go for Nu Colour's Custom Colour Desired Effects Eye Shadow, a variety of classic shades from pastel highlights to deep, smoky hues, as well as new shades like aqua, azalea pink, fawn brown, light green and luminous white.

You can also make your eyelashes appear thicker and longer with Nu Colour's Mascara. At night, you can easily take off your eyeshadow and even your mascara with Nu Colour's Eye Makeup Remover.

To create captivating-looking lips, Nu Colour's Replenishing Lipstick's wide selection of feminine colors does the trick.

Nu Colour is the premium cosmetic line of Nu Skin Enterprises, Inc. These products are locally marketed and sold through person-to-person distribution by Nu Skin Enterprises, Inc.'s local affiliate, Nu Skin Philippines Inc.

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THE NEW Belo Medical Center

Beauty center opens in Alabang

DR. VICKI Belo has opened a new clinic at Westgate, Filinvest Alabang.

The two-story Belo Medical Center will provide facials and body treatments, as well as surgical procedures.

It has state-of-the-art operating rooms and 24-hour postoperative care service. The clinic also has an al fresco café at the second floor.

The new Belo Medical Center in Alabang is at Westgate Center, Filinvest Alabang (beside Fitness First). Call 7712350, 7712351 and 771-BELO (2356).

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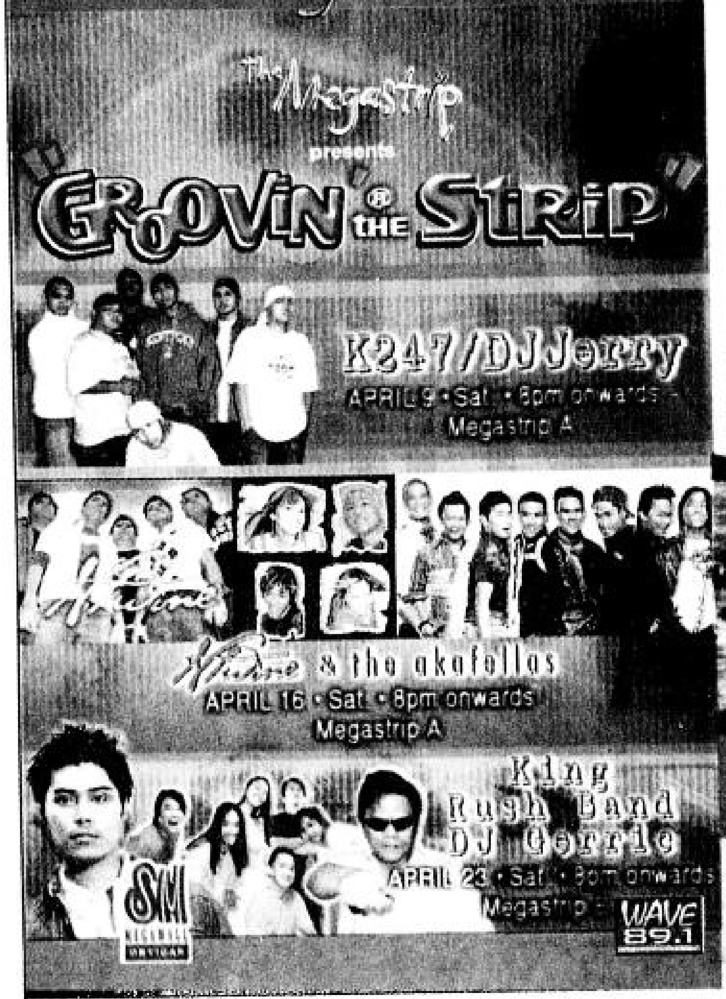

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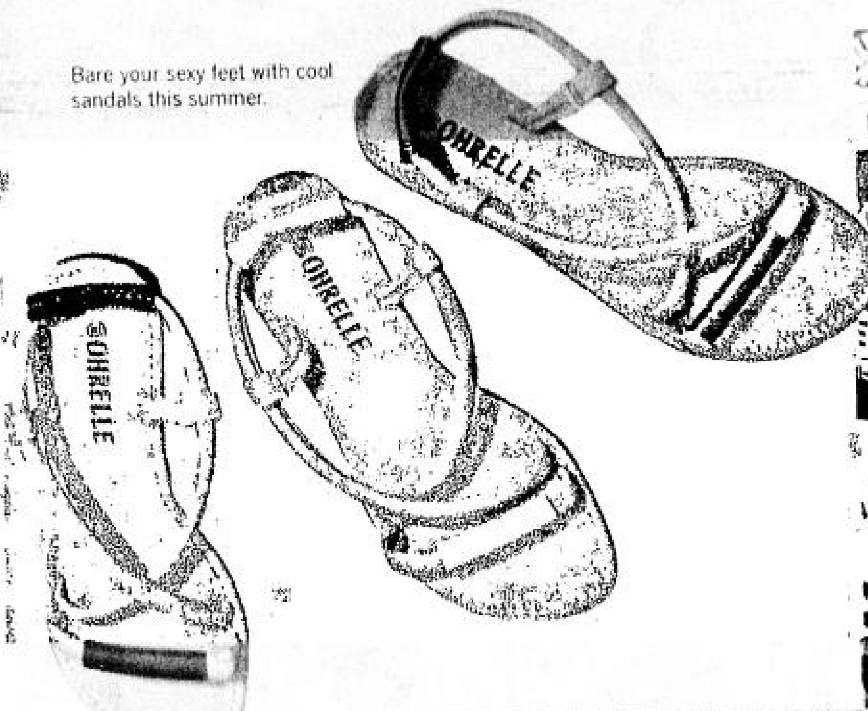

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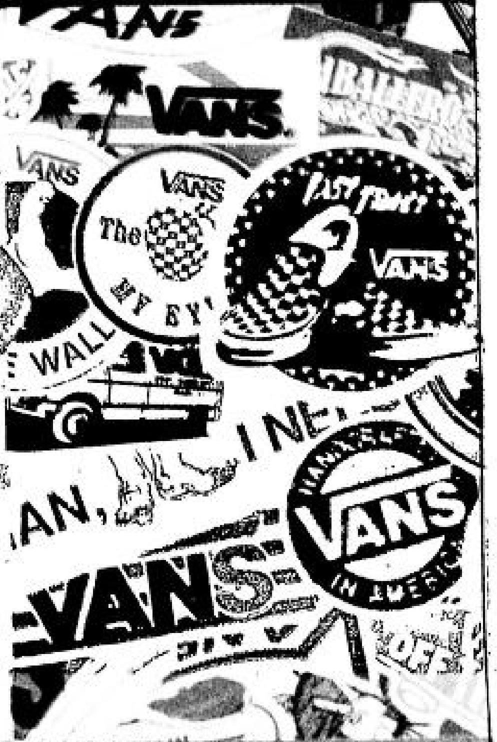

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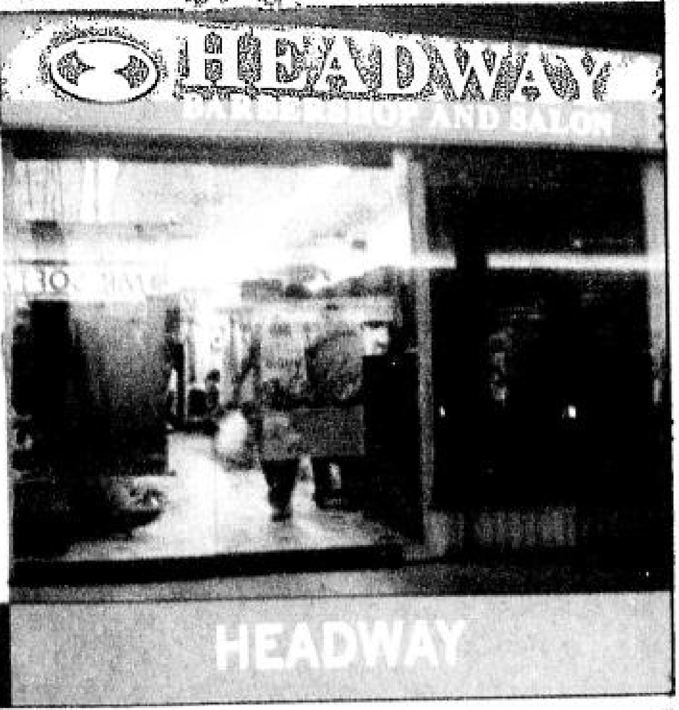

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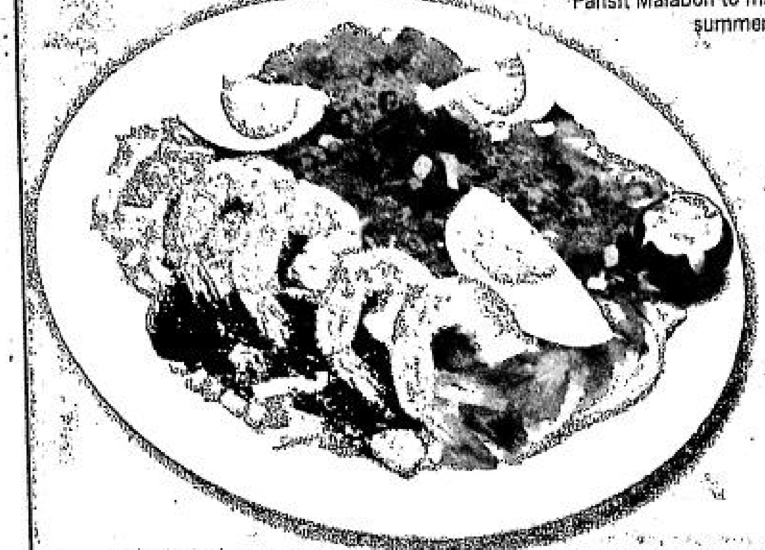

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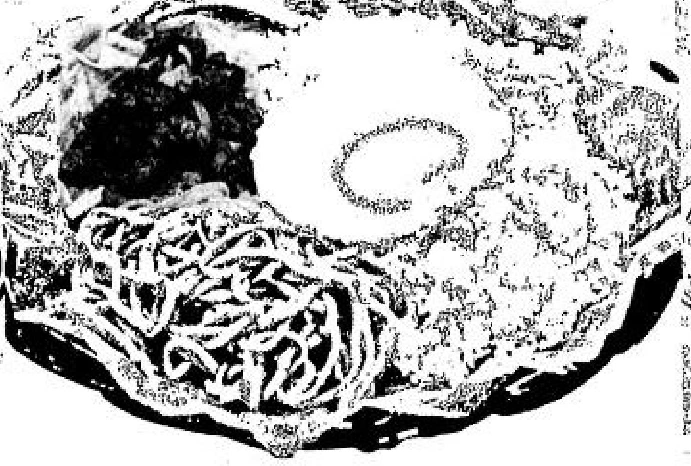

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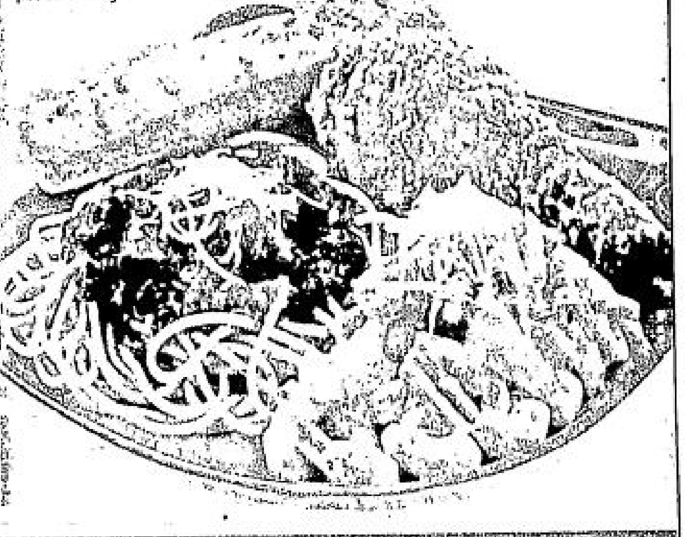

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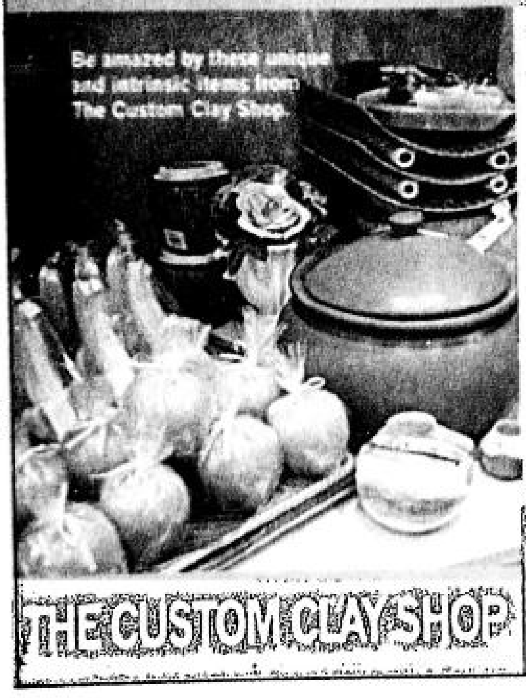

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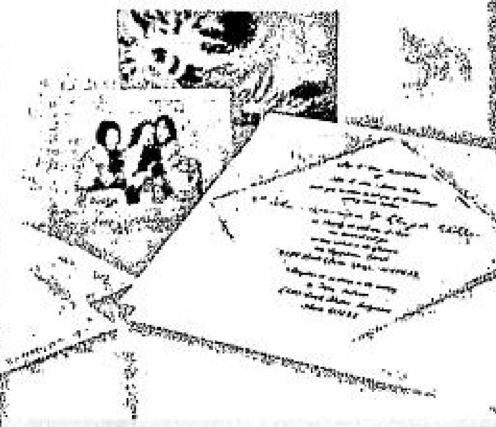

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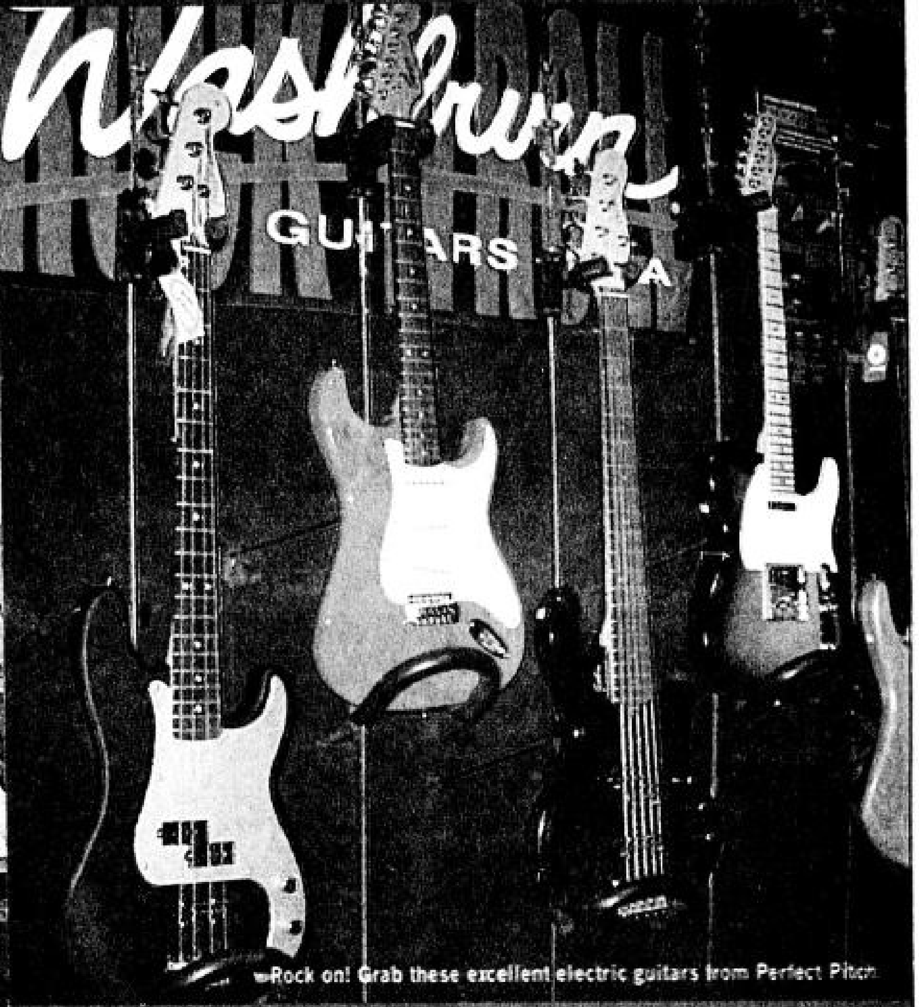
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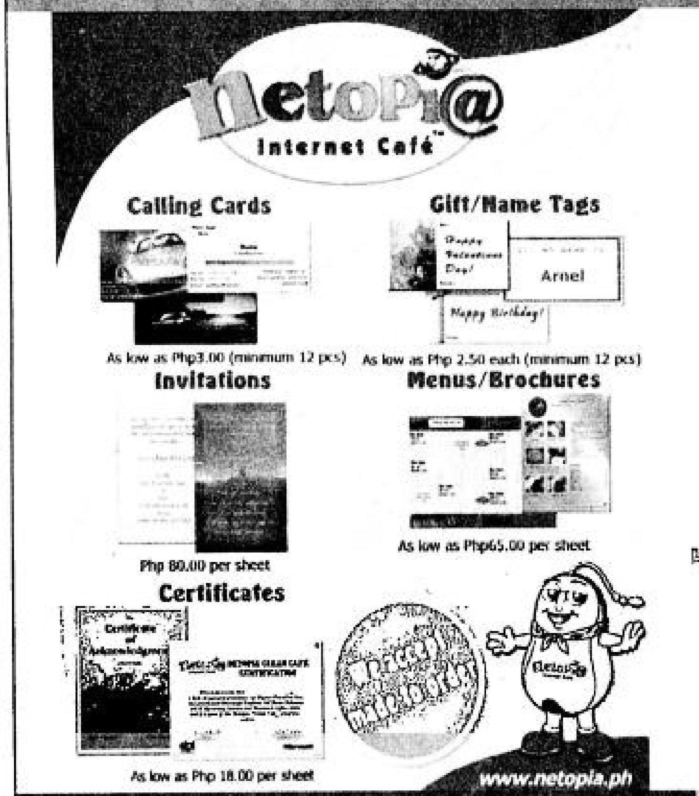
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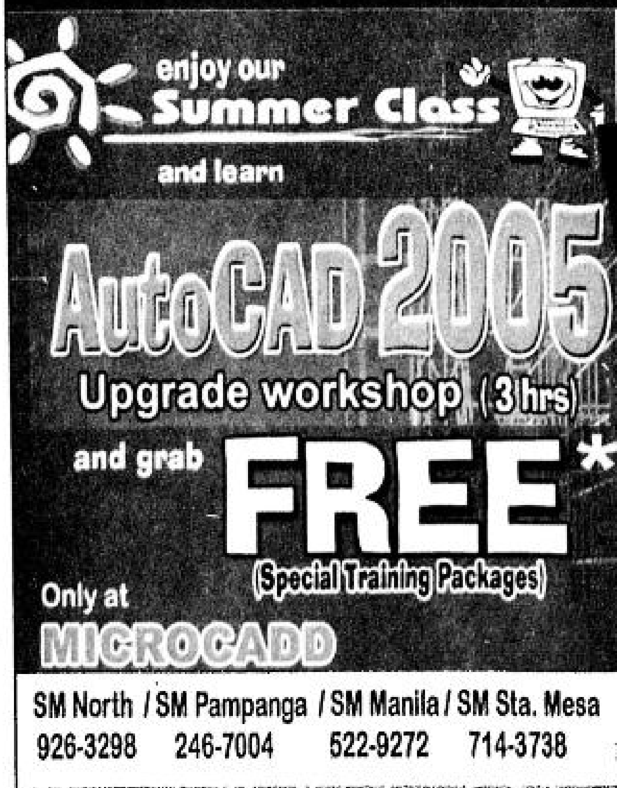
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